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movement and simplifying the machine, that we used it best to construct another before going home for the trade with our finished product. The reconstruction of the old machine involved a still greater saving of money which the members of the old company were unable to raise. Accordingly a new organization was effected, whereby the members of the old company were paid off and given an equal feeding with those financing the new company. This new company composed of H. W. Swift, W. H. Graham, Ben Hurst, A. G. Wilson, J. W. Turner, R. L. Hamilton and Andrew Nelson and myself raised sufficient capital for all immediate and future needs, and the work of reconstruction was pushed as rapidly as was practicable. During this period the work, during the construction period, several applications for patents were made, until now have five patents in this country, granted and pending and many foreign patents and foreign contracts, including Japan.

From the completion of this present machine today, consists of really two machines, a wrapping machine and an addressing machine. It is constructed from a common main shaft. The wrapping machine covers a flat space of two feet six inches by four feet and is three feet high. Within this frame cover is contained a series of rollers and gears which actuate all of the wrapping mechanism. Mounted upon the top of this frame there are located two hoppers into which the papers are fed as they come down the chute above, which makes the impression, one of the most important features on the machine, is the automatic distributor, which, when all the papers for one town or route have been wrapped up, automatically starts a new roll of paper for the next town or route into a new receptacle. The addressing machine is very simple, the entire machine being actuated by means of one cam motion. One of the chief features of this addressing machine is absolute accuracy. With this end in view every motion of the machine is made positive. Electricity is eliminated, and springs used only in places where positive motions are not needed, such as holding the feed rollers together, etc. In the event of the machine ever missing a wrap the addresser is automatically thrown out of gear, thus making it impossible for a single name to be omitted. Great attention has been paid to strength and durability of the machine. All parts are made of steel, which requires a great amount of strain energy to be stored, other parts are cast iron. The machine will wrap any size newspaper having been run on papers as large as 144 pages (8-16 page Republicans) and as small as 16 pages (Times) perfectly. The addressing machine can be manufactured in a detachable form for addressing purposes only. The machine will fill a long-for want tray with addresses and will print on the grand strips made in the improvement of newspapers plants, up to the big multiple presses and type setting machines, the mailing room of a paper stands away about where it did thirty years ago.

quipped, the worst obstacle, but has the poorest luck. The most interesting thing of this beach is the cannery chumera and this is worth visiting. There you will find a fine view of the bay.

A system of hoses all that is going on upon the beach is reflected on a disc before you, that can be turned at will and adjusted to give you a whole range of vision. You can compare this with the unique with these so that they may watch the sea for miles ahead during hours of sunshine.

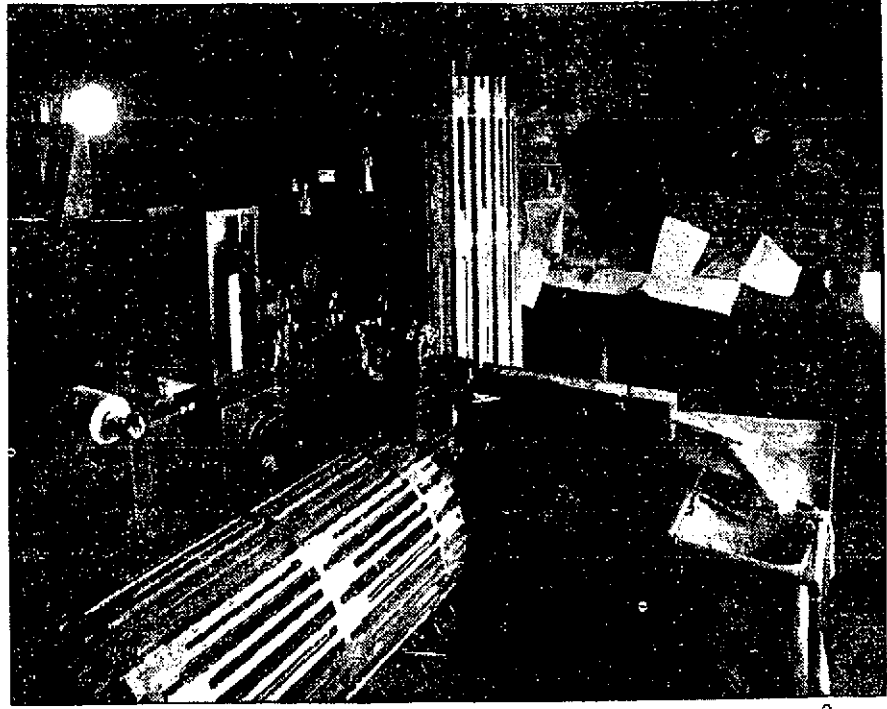
is an elegant street car service to all They act as sentinels, outposts, detector

Kings, known as "Parson's \$3,000, on creation," is one of the most praiseworthy of the numerous Southern beaches. It is another city of ramps and bridges but it requires no precedent here to see that it is going to be the greatest of the South. Other beaches that offer attractions to visitors are Redondo, Moonstone Beach and Port Los Angeles. There

these beaches, and this makes them practically as much a part of Los Angeles and its attractions as Golden Gate park and the Cliff House (which is a point of interest). The fact that all the beaches are too high to come across many nice hotels at these resorts, as well as in Los Angeles, but neither at the beach nor in Los Angeles can you find anything to compare with San Francisco's new hotels and numerous fine cafes.

pleasure only among those who come to work. The former select an expansive hotel on the other side of the Seine near the Avenue Bois du Boulogne or the Champs Elysees, hang around the cafes, and look down upon the crowd as they are crushed and bowed down upon because of their money. The children attend some fashionable school where there are a great many other Americans and one or two French, the mothers and fathers are in Paris, the mothers and the thoughts of the titled countesses hovering around their millions. In the Latin Quarter, we find the other class; people who are traveling in Europe to become acquainted with the world, the museums and the famous galleries and cathedrals, college graduates who have come over to attend the lectures at the Sorbonne, the French University; students along all lines but especially Art, for we begin to see many young artists, who have already made a name in their own land, but who wish to work with and come in contact with other geniuses along their lines. Here you will find being side by side, the girl who was fathered by a famous painter, and the artist's daughter about to finish her education and the little girl from Australia who has saved up her pennies for years that she might come and study painting in Paris herself. There is a great deal of money here, but it is in a very different way than in London, where the next meal will come from, but, trusting the God of the Quarter, "Luck." There is a more democratic spirit here in the midst of this undermature people than you find in America. Every one is on the common ground of work, the only aristocracy is that of ability and success. Each one is here for a purpose, the air throbs with industry, enthusiasm and genius. There is inspiration in the air, many who are so much more advanced than you that their attainments are something to look forward to, so many whose work is so far below your standard that you feel you have nothing to learn from them and are discouraged. Besides this, you come in touch with and have the opportunity of studying under the greatest Masters of Europe, along the line of Art especially, although Paris is becoming quite a musical center as well.

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Whenever I see a woman who has the blues, who is discouraged, without ambition or interest in life, I say to myself: "You are not well. If you were, how differently life would look to you!" We can't help having troubles? Yes, but if we are perfectly healthy we see the way out of them. If we are not up to the physical standard, then it is that we feel life closing in around us. Bitter, remorseless, hard luck seems to have us in a grip from which nothing but death will free us. But did you ever see a thoroughly healthy person who wanted to die, who did not feel keenly about her own personal troubles, the greatness of life and the joy of using her own strength and her own brains in winning out?

There have been women, of course, who have succeeded in spite of physical ills, but where one has possessed enough will power to do this nine have fallen by the wayside. And what's the use? If you start out to battle with life, why handicap yourself? If you who read this are discouraged, ask yourself why. Are you perfectly healthy? If you are not, drop everything else and attend to that first; otherwise you are putting the cart before the horse.

Remember that cheerfulness comes from good digestion.

That ambition means a clean constitution, with every function working as it should.

That magnetism—that intangible something so necessary to success in this world—is merely the superfluity of force and health we have left over to give to others after we have used up all we need ourselves.

Be healthy—as healthy as ever you can—and success and happiness and everything will come to you in time.

This is the age of common sense. Our forefathers tortured themselves spiritually. We are growing wiser. We blame our bodies and not our souls for our shortcomings.

Pity the Well Born Poor.

With Christmas nearly here the thought comes in my mind to speak about the poor.

Of course we all help the poor. We subscribe to charities and let it go at that, and some of us who are very conscientious give in person. The real poor, it is my private opinion, are very well taken care of. If you haven't a cent in New York or any other large city you can be taken care of; a great deal of sympathy will even be bestowed on you. There are missions and soup kitchens without number, so you are all right if you are down to the slum level. But there is another class of poor who get my sympathy infinitely more than the tenement dwellers—the poor who are well born, who are not down to slum level and who never will be. Among these you can count widows whose husbands have not even left them a life insurance, although they have maintained them in luxury while they were alive. Is there anything more selfish than this on a man's part? He spends his last cent on gorgeousness while he is on earth, and then when he is gone the family is practically turned loose as cats are in the summer time. It either starves or learns most bitterly to take care of itself when all its learning has been against that very thing.

And, then, to return to our subject, there are worse things still without, with husbands living who have left them, and these poor things cannot get a cent from the man if he does not want to be generous. There are laws, I am sure, but there are a hundred ways of evading them, and it takes money to enforce the laws, let me tell you.

Is there a much worse case, let me ask you, than for a woman who has had up in one room.



had everything to be shut up in one room in a boarding house, where every sight and smell is offensive to her, lonely as only refinement in the midst of vulgarity can be lonely, helpless as a child in wrestling a living from the world, at the mercy of every un-

scrupulous person who preys upon her kind? I tell you these are the women who commit suicide. These are the real poor, because they are cut off from everything.

There is social life in the slums, there is companionship in misery and

starvation, but who cares about the woman who has known better days? Her very refinement shuts her off from what is left to her. These are the poor I believe in helping. Help them to find courage once more, help them to begin the work of training

themselves all over again so that they are fit to deal with the world. The world is like a horse—you mustn't show it you are afraid of it or you are lost. The world walks right over the weak and the timid and the over-refined. God help them!



AWAKE EARLY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

If you see a woman, especially at this time of the year, around the holidays, lonely and unloved, to fight her way, and you pass that woman by when out of your strength you might have given her the right note of encouragement and of help, I believe upon my soul that you are doing a far more cruel thing than when you refuse a hungry man a slice of bread! For the man can get the bread in some soup kitchen, but there are no places where women such as I have described can be helped with good advice and the experience that comes by long dealing with the world to that state of mind where they can help themselves.

If you have a brain it is a sacred duty to give the benefit of it to those who have not your clear insight nor your mental powers.

Now, here is a Christmas present which does not require the expenditure of a single penny, but only of patience and loving understanding of your sister woman. Will you bestow it on them whenever you have the chance?

Some Hints About Gowns.

Fashion nowadays demands that the one piece princess dress so much in vogue should be made without a lining. That is all very well if the material is strong, but I know of two cases where the fine broadcloth has split on the seams, and the dress was not made tight either. My advice is to use a fine lawn lining when you make a chiffon broadcloth gown. It adds hardly anything to the weight and prolongs the life of the gown greatly.

The jumper dress still continues to be a great favorite. The only drawback to it is that it keeps one hunched during quips all the time. Every jumper dress should have a net girdle of the same color. First make it of white flannel and then take it to any lace dyer, who will for a small sum tint it the exact shade for you.

The hosiery net girdles now so popular are very impractical. The girl with a small figure will not have in any of these. She will choose rather the flat net or those with a large mesh known as "fish net." They practically last forever.

When you make your own girdles remember that all over Irish lace wears like iron and that while it costs more at first it takes only one-half as

much material, for this can be used plain, where the net has to be tucked. The most practical for this winter as well as the prettiest is lynx. It goes with everything and stands a lot of hard usage. It is ideal to combine with the average fur coat of Persian lamb, gray skin or caracul. Even a saashin looks well with it.

The turban is the hat shape of the hour. It is superseding for street wear the monstrous shapen and even the delicate Charlotte Corday. The smartest turbans are made of fur. For evening wear there are stunning ones of white fox trimmed with two gold quills held by a paste buckle.

If you have old ostrich feathers past their prime, a good idea is to take them to a feather shop, where they will make them into a feather all the way round trimming for your hat. If the feathers are of the long variety, they may be converted into a willow arrangement by knotting the ends. It not, they can be made into a lobster curl. The all round trimmings are made on wire frames and are exceedingly pretty and durable.

Advice in the Argen.

Before I close I want to give you a word of advice. Don't wear yourself out bearing grudges. It is Christian to forgive, but it is in addition common sense. The laws of religion are often the laws of health, and this is a reminder every little bit that was ever said to them. If they don't bear malice they certainly bear down these things, and keeping them always to mind is a decided tendency to pull down their health.

Cultivate a short memory. It is very useful. Simply refuse to remember disagreeable things. Put them away from your mind every time they come into it. Don't notice slights. Forgive in the best way of all be absolutely blotting them out. This will be merely selfish consideration on your part. You will be prolonging your own life and preserving your own peace of mind and happiness; but, strange to say, unlike most selfish actions, you will reap a reward from your fellow beings.

You will become immensely popular, for if there is one woman appreciated above all others in present day society, with its frequent changes and upheavals, it is she who is wise enough always to forget the disagreeable and never to make others uncomfortable by bearing a grudge.

Hate Clyde
New York.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

It is remarkable how flannel blouses hold their own. They are regarded now as regulation garments, and, since they are fashioned from flannel of an unshrinking quality, they are decidedly practical. I saw recently some smart ones, with the ground of the goods in white, color being introduced by narrow lines. The model was severely tailored, as is best taste, of course, when one considers that they are only for morning wear. There was no silliness in the shoulders, and they

fastened down the front with pearl buttons. The cuffs were three inches wide and the front hem an inch in width.

So many women complain that the patent fasteners on the garters, which are attached to the corsets, tear out the stockings, but there is a clever woman who has found a way out of the difficulty. She sews two bits of white tape to the top of her stockings and places them so they are each just where the patent fasteners usually

come in contact with the stocking. She then removes the fasteners from the garters and uses in their stead little pieces of ribbon which match the color used in her corset cover. When she puts on her stockings in the morning she slips the ribbon in the loop of the garter and then through the tape in her stocking, tying the end in a neat bow.

Children are not including in much luck this season. That is left to their elders. Little ones are seeking all delicate shades, and while is most popular, winter coats and bonnets

for this season follow the picturesque lines indicated in the smartest summer models and are even more attractive in the winter cloths and feds and velvets than they were in the summer flims and straw.

Any little old scrap of lace or net does for a waist bowdrie. It is not that waist is long, but that skirts are short. A skirt that used to possess 50 inches of lace now need not be 40 inches long. This is true even in the domain of the ready-made separate skirt. These convenient articles of dress, heretofore con-

signed to short walking skirt severely, now come in the form of broadcloth, silk, satin and velvets, not only trailing behind, but comfortably left in the carriage to give the approved, high waisted empire line. It takes but a small portion of tucked net, dyed the same color, to make an adequate waist for such a skirt, and presto, a charming costume of little cost or trouble.

The popular holiday basket for fruit and flowers is shaped like an automobile and is big enough for a child to ride in. The basket has real wheels that "go round and round." Pom-

granates, hothouse grapes, peaches and oranges are all at their best. The baskets are sold by trail.

The fashionable corset forecasts a general style of wearing the hair off the forehead, either parted or arranged in a low, loose pompadour, caught with a clip or knot placed a little below the middle of the head. No puffs are used, but the hair is arranged so as to give the impression of luxuriant locks.

The newest muff is of the boldest variety, very long and big, and has a rug that falls over the knees for automobile driving. When walking

the rug may be thrown over the muff, giving the appearance of a "granny" muff.

Very official is a miter hat made of soft heavy cloth, with a wide brim turned up in front. This hat is applied with a design in stamped and colored leather in a most novel fashion and excellent result.

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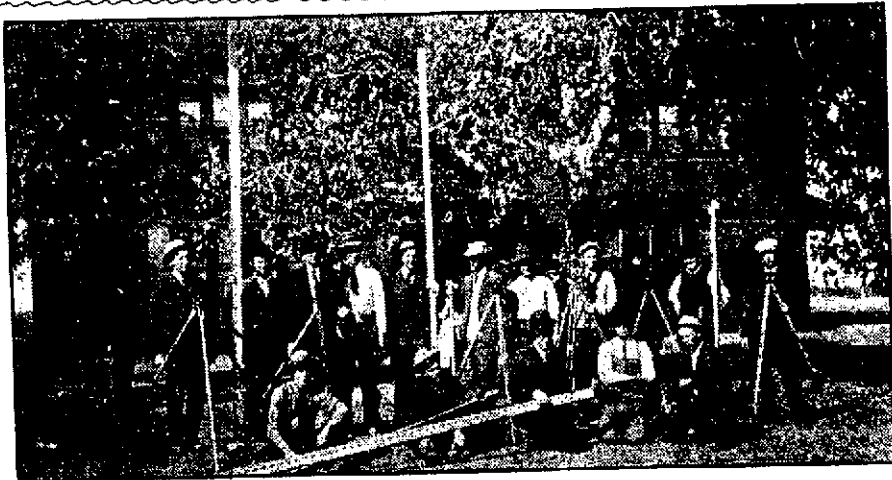
The Class in the Chemical Laboratory.

(By W. R. McINTOSH.)

California is a great agricultural state. Other industries assume large proportions within its borders, but agriculture plays the vital part in its economic development. The general wellbeing of the state is so closely interwoven with things of the farm that all other pursuits take their bearings in accordance with present agricultural prosperity. The farmer is therefore, as instrumental in determining our wealth and comfort as any man to whom we can refer. If this be true, then, it would seem wise to provide those upon whom this responsibility is

finally tried to farm, only to realize that they had been spending time and money securing the wrong kind of an education. With abundant opportunities for training along these lines at the University Farm, young men and boys should not repeat these mistakes. Agricultural subjects are now in teachable form and no young man anticipating farm life should fail to enroll at some time for the courses offered at the University Farm, at Davis, California. Being prepared is half the fight. No man in prepared to farm successfully in these times who has not studied his particular subject.

divation of a wholesome community spirit. A spacious living room provided with books and music makes life upon the University Farm more attractive than most other places. For the first year heard must be obtained in the adjoining town as a dining room is not now available. Girls cannot be provided for the first year. The institution prides itself in maintaining surroundings and a clean atmosphere for the development of men of character. It looks to the betterment of agricultural conditions through sending back to the farms, each year, a class of



The Class in Civil Engineering and Surveying.

to rest, in the future, with proper and adequate training in the subjects to which they will naturally devote their lives. In the light of present knowledge, anything short of this is extremely unwise. California has already recognized this fact and as a result has abundant opportunities for training in agriculture.

Thoughtful men and women are coming more and more to realize the value of special training for vocation. The ability to do something and do it well, they feel, makes better citizens than to have merely seen or been told how to do it. In no vocation is this more true than on the farm. Farming is active—not passive—and therefore the farm boy and girl needs the active, do-something education. Children who are to become good farmers need to be shown while young that the farm offers an attractive home and a useful life. As proof of this growing sentiment, reference need only be made to the present agitation for the teaching of agricultural subjects in the schools.

The greatest factor for good in California today is its system of agricultural investigation and education now being developed. It will soon convince the youth of the state that farming is an honorable profession, and that its problems are great enough to tax his full mental capacity. It will show him how to produce two blades of grass where but one grew before, and that through ignorance of nature's laws he may impoverish the soil so that but one blade may grow where two found root before.

SUCCESSFUL FARMER

Talk with a successful business man and you will soon realize that his leadership rests upon an intimate knowledge of his business. A farmer who wins outstanding prominence in any line of agriculture does so through gaining wide knowledge of his subject. In a little different manner ex-Governor W. D. Hearst defines a successful farmer as one who knows how to get a crop out of the soil, the dollar from the crop, and happiness from the dollar. This surely requires broad training. Formerly all of these facts had to be learned by each individual for himself in the school of "hard knocks." Now the prospective California farmer can learn much about all these things in the School of Agriculture at Davis, and thus avoid the hard knocks.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING.

Time was when men could not get adequate training in agricultural subjects. They took a substitute and

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It is a tract of land, 740 acres, which was purchased in 1906 by the State of California for the University of California, to use through its College of Agriculture for conducting experiments and for giving instruction to students in agriculture. It is at Davis, thirteen miles west of Sacramento.

Five short courses in agriculture were given between October 5th and November 25th. These included dairy, poultry, husbandry, animal industry, irrigation and drainage, and horticulture and viticulture. The total number enrolled in these courses was 115. The School of Agriculture, and

men who have high ideals and noble purposes in life. Only boys of good repute are permitted to enter.

HOW TO ENTER

Prospective students should address the Superintendent of University Farm Schools, Davis, Calif., for circular No. 11. This tells about the courses and shows how to make application for entrance.

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Little thus far, has been said about the subjects taught. The accompanying illustrations give a vivid idea of the scope of the work. The hand and the mind are trained through doing things. The normal boy loves living and developing plants and animals. At



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courses for the regular four-year students, from the College of Agriculture, at Berkeley, will be conducted at the University Farm, beginning January 5th, 1925.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR BOYS.

Aside from numerous buildings for work and study, a new dormitory for housing about sixty boys has just been completed. It adds greatly to the comfort of students and permits the en-

rich school he learns to know plants, recognizes insect enemies and judges all forms of live stock; he is trained in the construction of ditches and the application of water in irrigation; he learns the principles of producing milk properly and making it into butter and cheese of first quality; poultry-keeping comes in for large consideration. If the boy is aiming at a horticultural career, his time is well spent with the study of vines and various fruits. The best book and recitations are used to help out the practical studies.

FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOL.

Its purpose is to dignify agriculture through education. Those who were instrumental in the founding of this branch of instruction and education

not farmers or farmers' sons will take this instruction, so that if most is to be gained from this effort, the public in general who is the real benefactor, should see that the merits of the institution are brought to those who will profit most by them. In this way only can California agriculture maintain its dignity and prestige.

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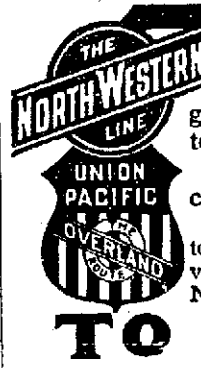
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GREAT STAGE PAGEANTRY OF "BEN HUR" IS TO BE HOLIDAY WEEK OFFERING AT BARTON THEATER



(THE EXTERIOR OF THE CIRCUS AT ANTIOCH, WHERE IRAS INCURS THE DISPLEASURE OF BEN HUR BY APPEARING UNVEILED.)

Of all the splendid spectacles staged within the past twenty-five years none has surpassed in beauty of pageantry, magnificence of pictorial execution or strength of dramatic force, the Kluge and Erlanger production of "Ben Hur." Presented originally at the Broadway theater, New York City, November 26, 1899, this fine romance of the House of Hur is now in its tenth season and from the demand everywhere for the great drama, the year gives promise of being bigger in point of monetary returns than any of its predecessors, a record not equaled by any other play ever produced. Through its nine years of stage art, the year gives promise of being bigger in point of monetary returns than any of its predecessors, a record not equaled by any other play ever produced. Through its nine years of stage art, the year gives promise of being bigger in point of monetary returns than any of its predecessors, a record not equaled by any other play ever produced.

It comes, and Ben Hur, triumphing over his enemy, receives the plaudits and the victor's crown, and in twenty minutes is not enough to calm the enthusiasm evoked by the scene. "Ben Hur" comes to the Barton opera house for three nights and a special Wednesday matinee, commencing tomorrow night (Monday, December 21st). Theater-goers are cautioned that the curtain is raised promptly at 8 o'clock on evening performances and at 2 o'clock at the matinee. Late comers will not be seated until the conclusion of the prologue, in order not to mar its mystic charm by the confusion attendant upon seating those who are late.

Included in the interpreting cast this season are: Johnny Teagle, Charles M. Harris, Anthony Andre, Wm. Legden, Jno. M. Troughton, Charles R. O'Donnell, Charles Cawfield, Daniel E. Hamilton, Alice Hargreaves, Florence St. Leonard, Loyola O'Connor, Zedekiah Appleton and Maude Beam Slover. The box office will be open today from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. Good seats can yet be secured for all performances. "SIS HOPKINS" CHRISTMAS. There are few plays which, by reason of merit alone, can be accepted as standard; there are few others that have that heart interest which is so necessary to brilliant dramatic success. "Sis Hopkins," which comes to the Barton for Christmas night, next Friday, is now being played for the tenth season, and there are no signs of waning popularity. The sweet sentiment of the story, the home-like and natural world of the characters, and the victor's crown, and in twenty minutes is not enough to calm the enthusiasm evoked by the scene.

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NEW YORK REVIEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—R. G. Dun & Co. weekly review of trade today says: Holiday trade is active, many sections reporting a substantial increase over the volume the year ago and where weather conditions are favorable there is a good retail movement of seasonable merchandise. Wholesale and jobbing houses are doing about the customary amount of business for this time of year. Forward spring contracts have been most encouraging, many mills and factories having good orders for shipment during the next three months and there is still more to be done in the leather line. The leather market is quiet, but there is a tendency to improve gradually. Reports are especially encouraging from the central states and the northwest. A lighter demand for hides has tended to weaken quotations except for sole leather branded hides that are scarce.

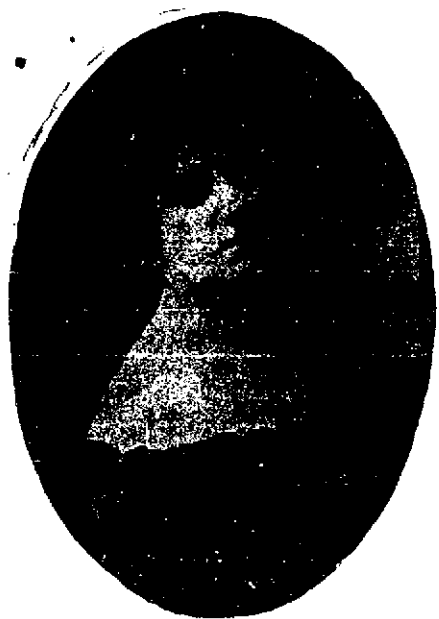
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Breadstuffs today says trade shows further expansion and some cities report buying of this character equal or slightly in excess of last year. In some sections, particularly in the South, trading is not so good as in 1907. The larger centers are doing well and orders of shoppers are in evidence, but many small cities report a relatively light business and demand shifting to cheaper lines. In regular retail lines unseasonably warm weather has been a drawback, particularly in the southwest and south for some time past. Wholesale trade is quieter and except for some heavy orders to sort up depleted stocks, jobbers also report less doing. Inventories and stock takings naturally predispose to less activity from now until after January 1. Reports from leading industries are of gradual gains and slow progress back to normal.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 17, number 219 against 214 last week; 269 in the like week of 1907; 227 in 1904; 255 in 1905 and 241 in 1906. Business failures in Canada for the week ending December 17, number 21 against 20 last week and 219 in the week of 1907. Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending December 17, aggregated 5,645,255 bushels against 4,759,292 last week and 4,881,322 this week last year. For the twenty-five weeks ending December 17 this year the exports are 149,863,822 bushels against 147,721,645 in the corresponding period last year. Corn exports for the week are 1,650,120 bushels against 1,010,640 last week and 1,021,773 in 1907. For the twenty-five weeks ending December 17 corn exports are 3,641,571 bushels against 22,161,926 last year.

LIVING IN A SEWER. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Thomas Chesno, ragged and half starved, has been lying in the bottom of a dry sewer for more than two weeks. He was arrested while crawling out of his strange habitation, which was lined with hay and old clothes. The municipal court will try to find work for him.

SOLDIERS HAVE MEASLES. FORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 18.—Fort artillery corps recruits who returned Fort Worden today for assignment to companies of the Puget Sound district are quarantined for the measles and mumps. Practically every member of the party is afflicted with either of the diseases.

THE WEEK'S RUN OF "WHEN WE WERE 21" WILL CLOSE WITH TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY



Miss Alta Phipps.

The last two performances of Nat Goodwin's great play "When We Were Twenty-One" will be given today and this evening. Miss Phipps and her clever company supported by Mr. Korman Cripps, have made many new

friends through the careful manner in which this play was presented. For the coming week the offering will be that grand old play that has been the stepping stone to success for so many of our well known actresses, "Camille" and much interest is being aroused over the way that Miss Phipps will handle such a heavy role, the Denver critics were very cordial in their criticisms of her in this great play, and it is safe to say that she will more than make good, as Fresno theater patrons are well acquainted with her in these heavier roles. "Camille" is without a doubt, the most emotional play that human ever wrote and every man, woman and child throughout the land have either read the book, or witnessed the plays.

Mr. Korman Cripps will lend strong support to Miss Phipps in the role of Armand Duval, and the remainder of the large company will be cast to advantage.

Manager Hotchkiss promises a production up to the usual "Phipps" standard, which means "hard to beat" and the patrons of the Novelty have a rare treat in store for them at a reasonable price.

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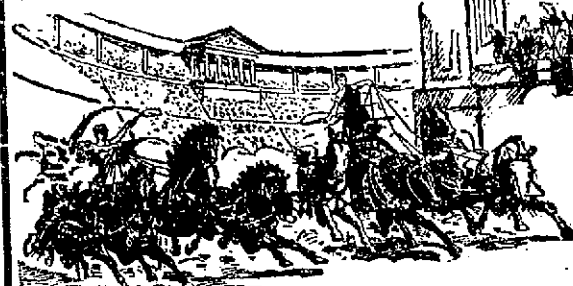
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on his back, and only about \$25 in his pockets. For two years in succession he rented a rough state of land, paying his rental by clearing off parts of the tract. He raised small crops on the cleared portion and worked at odd jobs to keep himself in grub money. At the expiration of his lease he bought twenty acres of cheap land on contract, making a small payment down. A few years later he was enabled to buy another twenty acres. He now has a forty-acre ranch under a time state of cultivation with a splendid country house, and good outbuildings, and everything is paid for. Besides that, Mr. Gilman has money out on bonds. In one season he sold off of the land \$100 worth of potatoes, time spent from less than four acres; he sold \$500 worth of barley hay at \$10 a ton; he sold \$150 worth of alfalfa hay, and reserved sufficient to carry his stock through the winter. He marketed \$120 worth of pork and had more hog to turn off later. His poultry netted him a goodly sum. His head of pumpkins was on the high side, and one could hardly walk across without stepping on the monsters. It is entirely safe to say that Mr. Gilman netted \$1500 from his forty-acre ranch. Mr. Gilman is a shrewd and industrious man, and a bright, cheerful, happy man. He is exceptional. He came to Bakersfield several years ago when it might be presumed that he had no money. The same chances are here today, and many other examples of this have come under our pen and ink. Mr. Gilman has made most of his money out of hay, barley and alfalfa. Another case similar to that of Mr. Gilman is found in the instance of Mr. Belcher, who bought twenty acres of ranch land, with good outbuildings under a time state of cultivation. He worked early and late and soon had his land tilled and checked for alfalfa, and made money from the first year, and is piling up a bank account. The man who works in Kern county and looks like a farmer, is sure to prosper. H. T. Tress, farmer, under the same example of the results of arduous effort. On his ranch, a short distance from town, he has an orchard of less than five acres and constructed the crop to pay him \$1200 for \$12.

The Sweet Brothers make a specialty of raising apples, both on their ranch these apples are sold to town and on the coast. Their orchards have a state reputation because they are among the first and best. The brothers have accumulated a fortune in the business. On an average they net \$2000 a year from eighty acres.

W. E. Dawson is doing extremely well on his poultry ranch, a few miles southeast of Bakersfield. Mr. Dawson remarked in a recent address to a farmers' institute: "I firmly believe there is no place in the world better adapted to the raising of poultry than Kern county." This is a strong recommendation, but it is largely verified by the results obtained on a score of ranches, where a few dozen good hens will furnish income to keep a family in groceries and in clothing all year.

Mr. Dawson says that he has been gathering on an average forty-five dozen eggs per day. During the months of November, December and January, the receipts from eggs with him have been \$10 a day and during February and March \$15 a day. The cost of feed while obtaining these results was \$2 per day. Besides eggs, Mr. Dawson markets annually \$150 to \$200 worth of chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. William Upton bought twenty acres of land near the outskirts of Kern City, going in debt to the amount of \$1000 nine years ago. They now have the entire tract under cultivation, have a good and comfortable residence, surrounded by shade trees and flowering shrubs, fenced,

renewed walks, where desirable, with outbuildings. Besides their home Mr. and Mrs. Upton have been able to invest in productive town property, and have money in bank. All this has been done without outside assistance. Mrs. Upton has sold as much as \$150 worth of strawberries from a patch about the house less than one tenth of an acre in extent.

As bearing out the idea of there being money to be made in small fruits, C. D. Oldershaw states that from five acres on his ranch in the Greenfield colony, a few miles south of town, he has netted \$1000 per acre and has taken \$300 from half an acre of strawberries in one season.

S. W. Millard, in the southern edge of the city can confirm the statement that small fruits may well near Bakersfield, as he manages to net \$2000 a year from his twenty-acre ranch, raising raspberries, blackberries and strawberries.

We can also mention Charles Demmon, who came to the county with very little money, but is now a large landholder, and worth thousands of dollars. His sons are following in his footsteps, and are rapidly accumulating property.

The time has come when the farmer as well as the professional man must specialize. There are many crops which can be raised in Kern county with a profit as great as the same crop yield in localities where they are specialized. We can produce sweet potatoes as successfully as they are produced anywhere. Some of our farmers should experiment on the culture of pumpkins. Why not devote themselves to numerous small fruits which find such a ready market at good prices? In any of the special products adapted to our soil and climate, little capital is required and the returns are speedy. When our soil yields appreciate the advantages to be found in these specialized industries, and prove as they do, how surely money can be made, then will we begin to realize the vast possibilities of our country. The inauguration of great enterprises, and small enterprises in great numbers, through the sale of such products, is healthy and profitable, and Kern is one of the thickly settled counties of the great San Joaquin valley, and a banner county of the great State of California.

W. H. Hill of the firm of Barlow & Hill, one of the many happy firms in Bakersfield, which have struck it rich in oil, speaking of the present situation, said: "Every day someone comes to us wanting to buy some 'proven' oil land at prices ranging from \$1000 to \$2000 an acre and are surprised when told there is nothing for sale at such prices. Then they talk about

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wanting to do some 'wild catting' on lands only one-quarter of a mile away from 'proven' territory, and are again surprised when told that that is not 'wild catting' at all. Then, where can I invest? they ask. 'Buy stocks of reputable oil companies in proven territory, at the market rates, or else invest in 'wild cat' territory.' I tell them.

"What is your opinion of investing in 'wild cat' properties?" was asked. "It is the only way for a person to get into the oil business here now, with limited capital, and while the amount of territory not proven is very large, yet there are so many indications based on well-supported theories regarding the location of oil deposits that the chances of success are very favorable. In taking up a 'wild cat' proposition it is necessary to drill a well from 1000 to 2000 feet deep and this is what costs money, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and even more. In order to secure funds for an oil well a company is organized and stock sold. From funds so secured the cost of drilling the well is paid. If the well costs only a small sum and oil is struck, the stock may become worth twenty to one hundred times what it cost. If, on the other hand oil is never struck, then the stock is worthless. That is what makes the oil business uncertain. If a man invests in oil development he should do so knowing the chances he is taking. Sometimes several wells are drilled in a district before the oil deposit is struck. This necessitates continued calls for money on the stock and unless the investors can continue paying, all the work already done is of no value. Fortunes are being made, and have been made, in this oil district on unproven territory, and my idea of making a good oil proposition of that kind is first to learn whether there are any outcroppings of the oil sands, seepages or whether you are in a direct line between 'proven' property, but even these are not always conclusive and the only true way to prove a territory is in the drilling of the hole. This requires from two months to even a year, depending upon transportation, water, fuel, and other expenses. Seven persons draw wages in a well drilling crew, namely a superintendent, or from \$5 to \$10 a day; two drillers, at \$7 a day each; two tool-dressers, at \$4 a day each; a teamster at \$3 a day; a cook at \$2 a day and all these to be boarded. The law allows eight men to band together and locate 160 acres, or a placer mining claim. When oil is discovered \$5000 worth of work having been done a patent is secured, and this is the title. The next important fact to consider is, who are the men who will manage this oil proposition, and as much depends upon that, as everything else combined. Experience in a field is worth a great deal, and to be associated with men who know the history of an oil belt is of great advantage.

"Can you recall any instances of persons investing a few hundred dollars in oil properties in the Kern district, and making money out of it?" "I know of one man who invested \$1000 two years ago and is now draw-

ing \$100 a month in dividends, and according to values of oil stocks, he has made \$12 for every dollar he invested.

"To show the true basis of the profits in oil ventures, let us consider what a 'proven' tract of land has already done. For example, the average amount of oil to be secured in a certain territory is 15,000 barrels, therefore at 50c a barrel that particular acre is worth \$7500. If, in a 'wild cat' territory, such production can be developed, there will be an income in proportion and the income is the real basis of value, and if the income is \$12,000 a year the property is worth \$60,000. There are really very few oil companies organized which are 'rank fakes.' The money may be honestly expended and yet the oil company never be a dividend producer. My advice to men who invest in oil properties is not to do so without due investigation and then not unless they can afford to lose what they put in. If the fates go against them, it is a gamble in which the stakes are high and the chances great."

NEARLY 2,000,000 BARRELS. During the month of November, 1903, the combined production of the oil fields tributary to Bakersfield was 1,720,000 barrels of oil. This means an annual income of over \$12,000,000, or a daily income of nearly \$30,000. When it is considered that only about 1000 acres are the first well was drilled in the Kern field, the growth of the oil industry is remarkable. When the future has in store for Bakersfield no one can estimate as it is still only the territory close in has been developed, and there are indications of oil for many miles among the foothills, which have had no wells yet drilled.

AMONG THE PUMPING PLANTS. Mr. Glover, who is interested in the installing of pumping plants in Kern

county, made an eighty-mile trip in his automobile, leaving at 8 o'clock in the morning and returning at 8 in the evening, going eight miles west to Rosedale, thence eight miles to Rio Brava, thence eight miles to the Waco colony, thence fourteen miles to McFarland, south fourteen miles to Bakersfield, and thence twenty miles back to Bakersfield. On this trip the following pumping plants were passed. The water is abundant and is near the surface:

C. M. Steel, Rio Brava, gas, 25 h-p.
H. S. Knight, Rio Brava, gas, 25 h-p.
J. D. Wolf, Famosa, gas, 25 h-p.
J. M. Glover, Rio Brava, gas, 32 h-p.
R. E. Leonard, Rio Brava, gas, 32 h-p.

Dr. Hart, Rio Brava, gas, 30 h-p.
Palm Fruit Co., Waco, gas, 50 h-p.
Waco Colony, 6 plants, gas, total horse-power, 250.
N. M. P. Close, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
W. W. Perkins, McFarland, gas, 32 h-p.
E. M. Clark, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
E. Speer, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
J. Ingram, McFarland, gas, 10 h-p.
J. F. McFarland, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.

SANTA BARBARA WANTS STATE INSTITUTION. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Commerce took steps last night to actively support State Senator Louis H. Rosenberg, who will introduce bills in the coming legislature, closing the crabs and abalone fishing for a period of three or four years and seal fishing indefinitely. The chamber has also passed a resolution favoring a raise in the tariff on lemons.

Santa Barbara will also make a fight at the next session of the legislature for a state industrial school. A bill providing for it will be introduced by Senator Price.

INSURGENTS HOPE FOR NEW RULES. Cannot Do Anything Without Help of Democrats, Who Are Slow to Join In.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The insurgents against the present rules of the house are leaving Washington for their homes, jubilant over the progress that they have made in stirring up an insurrection in the Republican ranks. They will tell their constituents that before the end of the session the rules will be amended.

One of the insurgents, expressed himself today as certain that at least one change will be made in the rules. He said that he believed that there would be opposition to it at a Republican caucus. That amendment would provide for a day each week for the call of committees of bills on the union calendar and on the house calendar. Some of the most optimistic claim this is all that is necessary to get relief from the present rules.

A call of the committees would enable the committee to get before the house all of the important bills of the various kinds, it is urged, and would relieve the speaker of liability to charges of preventing legislation which was demanded by the people. Inasmuch as the house would have an opportunity to pass upon the bills in the course of a short period surely during a session of congress, the packing of a committee against a bill would have no other effect than the influence of the opinion of its members upon those who had not investigated the subject thoroughly.

It is acknowledged by some of the leaders of the insurgents that the only hope of amending the rules lies in the action of the minority. Ever since congress convened, emissaries from the insurgents have been in conference with the Democrats. The new minority leader, Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, does not feel himself bound in binding his party to any program until he sees how the Republicans will line up. He objects to forming an alliance with the insurgents, which he fears may eventually be broken when the majority of them might recognize they are losing, and "leave the Democrats holding the bag while the Republicans would get all the glory." This minority is willing to stand for an amendment of the rules, it is understood, in accordance with the platform of the Denver convention, but it would like to get just as much credit as possible for the reforms.

TEAMSTERS MAY BE GIVEN PENSIONS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—If a bill which Representative Alexander of Missouri has introduced becomes a law, the teamsters who were engaged as such during the war with Mexico will be placed upon the pension roll. The government has heretofore refused to grant pensions to teamsters, although importunately pressed to do so in many cases connected with the civil war.

It is now urged that the men who had charge of the wagons in the war with Mexico performed a very essential service and in addition were exposed to many risks at the hands of Indians as well as the regular enemy. It is also stated that comparatively very few of these teamsters are left. If they should succeed in obtaining recognition, it is probable that a similar effort in behalf of the drivers in the war between the states will follow.

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C. M. Steel, Rio Brava, gas, 25 h-p.
H. S. Knight, Rio Brava, gas, 25 h-p.
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J. M. Glover, Rio Brava, gas, 32 h-p.
R. E. Leonard, Rio Brava, gas, 32 h-p.

Dr. Hart, Rio Brava, gas, 30 h-p.
Palm Fruit Co., Waco, gas, 50 h-p.
Waco Colony, 6 plants, gas, total horse-power, 250.
N. M. P. Close, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
W. W. Perkins, McFarland, gas, 32 h-p.
E. M. Clark, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
E. Speer, McFarland, gas, 25 h-p.
J. Ingram, McFarland, gas, 10 h-p.
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SANTA BARBARA WANTS STATE INSTITUTION. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Commerce took steps last night to actively support State Senator Louis H. Rosenberg, who will introduce bills in the coming legislature, closing the crabs and abalone fishing for a period of three or four years and seal fishing indefinitely. The chamber has also passed a resolution favoring a raise in the tariff on lemons.

Santa Barbara will also make a fight at the next session of the legislature for a state industrial school. A bill providing for it will be introduced by Senator Price.

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A call of the committees would enable the committee to get before the house all of the important bills of the various kinds, it is urged, and would relieve the speaker of liability to charges of preventing legislation which was demanded by the people. Inasmuch as the house would have an opportunity to pass upon the bills in the course of a short period surely during a session of congress, the packing of a committee against a bill would have no other effect than the influence of the opinion of its members upon those who had not investigated the subject thoroughly.

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A closer view of Derrick, with the field in the distance.

The Kern county jail at Bakersfield.

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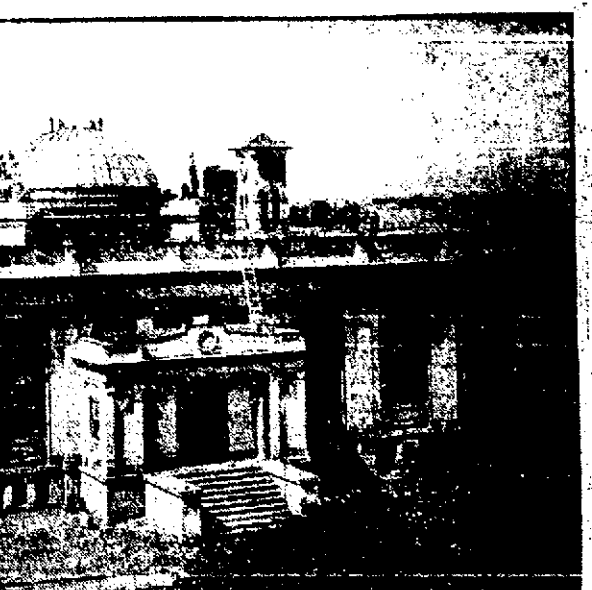
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on his back, and only about \$25 in his pockets. For two years in succession he rented a rough state of land, paying his rental by clearing off parts of the tract. He raised small crops on the cleared portion and worked at odd jobs to keep himself in grub money. At the expiration of his lease he bought twenty acres of cheap land on contract, making a small payment down. A few years later he was enabled to buy another twenty acres. He now has a forty-acre ranch under a time state of cultivation with a splendid country house, and good outbuildings, and everything is paid for. Besides that, Mr. Gilman has money out on bonds. In one season he sold off of the land \$100 worth of potatoes, time spent from less than four acres; he sold \$500 worth of barley hay at \$10 a ton; he sold \$150 worth of alfalfa hay, and reserved sufficient to carry his stock through the winter. He marketed \$120 worth of pork and had more hog to turn off later. His poultry netted him a goodly sum. His head of pumpkins was on the high side, and one could hardly walk across without stepping on the monsters. It is entirely safe to say that Mr. Gilman netted \$1500 from his forty-acre ranch. Mr. Gilman is a shrewd and industrious man, and a bright, cheerful, happy man. He is exceptional. He came to Bakersfield several years ago when it might be presumed that he had no money. The same chances are here today, and many other examples of this have come under our pen and ink. Mr. Gilman has made most of his money out of hay, barley and alfalfa. Another case similar to that of Mr. Gilman is found in the instance of Mr. Belcher, who bought twenty acres of ranch land, with good outbuildings under a time state of cultivation. He worked early and late and soon had his land tilled and checked for alfalfa, and made money from the first year, and is piling up a bank account. The man who works in Kern county and looks like a farmer, is sure to prosper. H. T. Tress, farmer, under the same example of the results of arduous effort. On his ranch, a short distance from town, he has an orchard of less than five acres and constructed the crop to pay him \$1200 for \$12.

The Sweet Brothers make a specialty of raising apples, both on their ranch these apples are sold to town and on the coast. Their orchards have a state reputation because they are among the first and best. The brothers have accumulated a fortune in the business. On an average they net \$2000 a year from eighty acres.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Upton bought twenty acres of land near the outskirts of Kern City, going in debt to the amount of \$1000 nine years ago. They now have the entire tract under cultivation, have a good and comfortable residence, surrounded by shade trees and flowering shrubs, fenced,

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ESTRAYED from my ranch near Malaga, 1500 feet, 14th, 1 large red mare, 2 years old, white face and white on hind leg. Phone Main 1556.

ESTRAYED - dark bay mare and a foal, 6 months old, white spot in collar. Forchase, Notify 112 Anna St. 1011.

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ESTRAYED - 1 gray mare 12 years old, 1 yearlings 12 years old, from E. L. Marland's ranch. Notify Santa Fe 1700, Union, Tulare St.

STRAYED - From my place near PO
about 1/2 mile, small earred horse branded
on hind leg, one more colored 3 year
mare, no brand. Inform State Road
Voluntary.

LOST - Brown horse, weighing about 1
pounds, with white spot in forehead
about fifteen years old, from Columbia
pasture, Riverside district, 2 or
months ago. Inform George M. Ko
for 142 K 8 U.

STRAYED OR STOLEN - One brown
horse, about 500 lbs., branded ME on hind
leg, one inch gray horse with no brand
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16-button white cape gloves; full pique seams; all sizes; pair \$4.00

Ladies' 2-clasp gloves; Paris point stitching; tans, browns, black and white; pair \$1.75

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Ladies' all linen hemstitched handkerchiefs with the new Amriswyl embroidered corners; each 35c

Very sheer quality linen with 1-4 inch hem; trimmed with hand-made Armenian lace; each 65c to \$1.00

Duchess lace border with pure linen centers, from \$1.25 to \$2.50 each

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Women's fine white cotton Union Suits; fleece lined, heavy weight; high neck, long sleeves; a very slightly garment; suit \$1.25

Women's half wool Union Suits in white or gray; comes in light or heavy weight; nicely finished; suit \$1.50

Women's pure white Cotton Vests and Pants; light weight and well made; high neck, long sleeves or low neck, short sleeves; each 50c

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Santa Claus Will be at His Headquarters as Usual Monday

Buy a Glove Order if in Doubt. Always Good. With only four more shopping days in which to make your purchases you will have to get busy. Buy now. Consider the delight of Christmas shopping if everybody didn't put off some, or all, of it until the last minute. Here is a wonderful store—a Fairyland—with holiday things—why delay?

Shop by mail. We can please you. We please others. Let us know your wants by mail. Our prices are always right.

NO NEW EVIDENCE IS BROUGHT OUT CRUSHED BENEATH WHEELS OF TRAIN

Witnesses Tell of Accident Which Befell Holmes.

J. J. Duval States That Teachers Raised Fund to Prosecute Case.

J. W. Cason, Santa Fe Conductor, Killed.

Caught By Moving Car, Man Suffers Loss of Legs; Dies at Sanitarium.

Judge Church's court room was crowded yesterday morning with witnesses and others who came to watch the proceedings in the trial of Schuyler C. Walton, accused of being responsible for the death of Marvin P. Holmes.

One of the prominent figures at the trial was Mrs. Marvin P. Holmes, who was visibly affected as the details of the accident were recounted. At her side was Mrs. C. L. McNamee, who comforted her.

Mrs. Walton and her child were also in the court room seated directly behind Schuyler Walton.

The proceedings yesterday morning brought out little new evidence, the witnesses telling of the accident as it had occurred. Among the witnesses examined were J. J. Duval, W. H. Viollette, Fern Vaughaun, Winifred Wear, Joseph Heisel, Rose Hemm, Vera D. Carson and Grace Kishaud.

When Duval took the stand he was asked by Attorney Barclay if he had not subscribed \$20 to the sum of \$50 raised to prosecute Walton after the district attorney had stated that he had no case against the man. Duval answered that he had subscribed an amount, though he did not state the sum.

Attorney Barclay did not state whether or not the money had been used to prosecute after the district attorney had said he had no case.

Duval stated that just before the tragedy Walton and his companions were coming toward the judge's stand from the north end of the track. There were between thirty and forty children on the track at the time. He stated that he and Holmes went to the center of the course and waved their hands at the passing drivers. Duval then turned his head and was hit by Walton's horse and hurled to the ground. Duval also declared that before this he had intercepted Walton and a companion at the gate but that Walton's companion had stated that they had the track until 10:30 and would use it.

W. H. Viollette also described the accident and stated that after the accident Walton walked up close to Holmes' prostrate form and then went after his horse and sulky.

Fern Vaughaun and Winifred Wear, who stated that after the accident, Walton secured a fresh horse and began using the track a second time. All the witnesses testified that Walton was coming toward the grand stand at a high rate of speed and also told of the efforts of Duval and Holmes to stop him.

Joseph Heisel was the only witness not connected with the city schools. He had been employed at the track but was dismissed on the recommendation of Walton.

Adjournment was taken at noon until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

TO RE-ORGANIZE OLD ASSOCIATION

Plan Is Proposed at Meeting of County Superintendents; Normal School Favored.

Plans for the re-organization of the old San Joaquin Valley Teachers' association were taken up at a meeting of county school superintendents in the office of E. W. McNamee last night. If a re-organization is effected the association will be known as the Central California Teachers' association.

The superintendents in attendance stated that the prospects for the success of this organization were exceedingly good.

A discussion of the proposed normal school was taken up and all present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the project and willing to do all in their power to aid in its construction and establishment.

Fresno and Madera school institute combine and hold their next meeting either at the 1st or 2nd of next March in this city.

Other school matters were taken up by the superintendents and informally discussed, but no action was made on any.

DIES UPON WRITING A LETTER TO SANTA

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19. "Darling Mamma: I love you and tell Santa Claus to bring me a dolly and some candy and nuts and a new dress. I am so lonely here, mamma, and I want you to hold me and kiss me. The other girls told me Santa Claus was going to bring them lots of nice things, but I know he won't forget me, so be sure and tell him. I love you, little mamma."

"Ruth,"

Scarcely had the little letter been written than little 8-year-old Ruth Weaver, a pupil at the Mount Carmel mission, with a cry of "Oh, sister, I'm so dizzy," fell into a sister's arms and resigned the three of earth for a Christmas in Heaven. Death was caused by congestion of the brain.

PORTLAND HOLD-UPS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—Within a few hours after having successfully held up eight men in a saloon, including the proprietor, Oscar Johnson, Harry Benson and Chris Ross, who have created a reign of terror throughout the city by a series of robberies, were captured today in a lodging house on West Water street. The three men, who are Norwegians, will be taken before the train men who were running the Oregon Railroad & Navigation train which was robbed Thursday night for possible identification with that crime.

While standing on the platform at Sharon switch, reading his orders, J. W. Cason, conductor on Santa Fe freight No. 73, was caught by a projection on a passing freight car yesterday noon and thrown under a moving train. He was brought to this city yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and taken to the Burnett sanitarium, where both legs were amputated, one above and one below the knee. The injured man failed to revive from the shock of the accident and amputation, however, and died at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

The train over which Conductor Cason had control had stopped at Sharon to do some switching and the car had just been switched upon the siding. Cason was standing on the platform between the moving train and the side tracked car when a larger and heavier car than the ordinary ballast car, which was the ordinary passenger car, came from the rear and before help could be secured the unfortunate man had been dragged beneath the wheels.

Six trucks passed over his prostrate form before the train was brought to a standstill. The rear trucks of a coal car and the trucks of a box car had passed over his body, crushing one leg just about at the knee joint and the other a little farther down the thigh.

A message was sent to this city immediately, although Sharon is thirty-two miles from Fresno in Madera county. The Santa Fe passenger No. 5, northbound, was at the local station when the message was received and was held several minutes in order that Dr. L. R. Wilson, the Santa Fe physician, and Trainmaster J. A. Christie might be hurried to the scene.

While waiting for medical assistance the injured man was placed in the caboose attached to the freight. He was brought to this city about 1 o'clock.

The deceased was 34 years of age and was one of the oldest freight conductors on this division. He was running between Fresno and Stockton and was in line for a passenger run. He resided with his wife and 15-year-old daughter, Ruth, at 822 O street.

Cason is a member of the Fresno High School club and also a member of the High School Glee club.

The body is now at the undertaking parlors of Stephens & Bean, but no arrangements for the funeral have yet been made. An inquest will probably be held by Coroner Bean tomorrow.

For coal, coke, oak wood and Clovis blocks, try Main 299, Fresno Fuel Co.

CHOICE OF XMAS GIFTS

Look over the list of possible Christmas gifts. See if you can find among them any one thing that possesses the qualities of usefulness, of comfort-giving, of money-saving, of thoughtfulness, to a greater extent than a good pair of glasses.

Is it not the ideal gift at this time of the year when the evenings are so long and much time is given to reading or sewing?

Come in and see us about the matter. You can arrange to present this gift in many ways. You can get a merchandise order; you can have the glasses already mounted and the lenses changed later; you can send in the proposed recipient and settle the bill with us afterwards, or you can arrange it in a dozen different ways.

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The sharp nip of December air calls for Flannel Waists. We have them in various materials and shades, figured and plain; all smartly tailored.

French Flannel Waists; beautifully tailored; handsomely finished stripes and checks.

Nun's Veiling; tailored style, trimmed with buttons and piped with silk \$3.59

Scotch flannel; very mannish, with pocket; strictly tailored; reasonably priced \$2.59

We also show a full line of ladies' Sweater Coats, in all the wanted colors \$2.75 to \$10

Up and Down the Aisles, With Gift Things at Their Best

During these days, before the great rush begins, the most gratifying selections can be made, for EVERYTHING is here for color, age, condition, taste or price. This store is the most fascinating and helpful resort that the Christmas shopper could visit.

Select gloves now; color and size ranges are complete, as they rarely are just before Christmas \$1.25 up

A new and fine assortment of Military brushes will help to solve the list problem \$2.00 to \$6.00

Every caprice of fashion is represented in our enticing silk stockings \$1.25 to \$5.00



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VERDICT RENDERED BY JURY, NON-COMMITTAL

Fails to Exonerate or Blame Company.

Unfortunate Believed to Have Been Robbed Before Death.

The jury, impaneled by Judge Tugan to inquire into the death of John Kerr, who was killed by being struck by an electric car near Exeter Thursday night, brought in this afternoon a non-committal verdict, neither exonerating the company nor the crew nor reflecting blame. The verdict was simply:

"We, the jury, impaneled to inquire into the death of deceased, whose name is John L. Kerr, find that he came to his death on December 15th, 1908, by wounds inflicted by being struck by an electric car near Exeter."

Conductor Osborne testified that Kerr had handed him a crumpled ticket. He was unable to discover a date upon the same and had refused to honor it. Subsequent examination of the ticket disclosed the date, although nearly illegible.

Kerr is known to have a sister in the East, a letter found on his person establishing this fact. No address was given, however, and it is doubtful if she can be located.

Officers have warrants for the arrest of Dave Hodge and boy named Wells at Exeter, charging them with having robbed Kerr on the night preceding the accident. Kerr was known to have had \$20, but no money was found after the accident. The two were seen with him on Wednesday night, although they had no money then, exhibited considerable cash the morning following. Hodge was taken from the car and the boy to his home. The latter, fearing the results of his alleged crime, gave up the search. It is understood, to Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rath have returned from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, having been absent six weeks. They visited many points of interest, including the celebrated volcanoes and report a very enjoyable outing.

Miss Ethel Jordan, who accompanied them, was met in San Francisco by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Jordan, and will return after a few days spent in the bay city.

FIVE MILLIONS WANTED FOR CANAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A request for an urgent deficiency appropriation of \$2,485,000 to carry on the canal work at the present rate during the remainder of the fiscal year has been received by the House today from the secretary of war.

The principal share of the desired appropriation is for the Atlantic division where are located the Cuban locks and dam.

IS CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING CHINESE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Peter Tuning, formerly a chef in a dining car of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific railroad, charged with having aided last August in the smuggling of five Chinese into the United States, has been arrested and held in \$2500 bonds by United States Commissioner Foster until December 28.

According to the federal authorities, on August 15, five Chinese were found concealed in the kitchen of the dining car of a Rock Island train from El Paso, Texas.

Information obtained by the federal authorities, they allege, reflected Tuning with Mexican agents who had control of the smuggling business.

ELECTRIFICATION IS SURE SUCCESS

Eastern Railroads Satisfied With Progress Made in Dispensing With Steam.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Eastern railroads which have substituted electricity for steam as a motive power are satisfied with the results, and believe that the change in large railway terminals is not only practicable but desirable. This opinion has also been reached by an electrical expert of one of the largest Western railroad systems who was sent East to make an investigation.

Coming to the agitation in Chicago on electrification of steam railroad terminals, the officials of the railroad which made the investigation will not permit the name of the road to be used. The decision of the expert is summed up as follows:

"From recent statements made by officials of the two systems, the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford, it appears that they are entirely satisfied with the electric systems they are using and they regard electric traction as successful and efficient. They also argue that it has a number of advantages over steam for that particular territory covered."

"No reports are available that would indicate or would justify the conclusion that this service is less expensive than steam. It will, no doubt, have to be tried out for some time longer before a correct comparison can be made."

YEAR SENTENCE FOR BLACKMAILING

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 15.—C. R. Jones, accused of sending black mailing letters to Bunker S. Hobson of Lewiston, demanding that \$20,000 be left at certain places or he would be killed, has been found guilty today by a jury in that county. It took the jury all night to decide.

Experts disagreed as to whether the writing in the black mailing letters was the same as that in the general letters by Jones, but the jury found that in both the admitted evidence, Jones letters and in the black mailing letters, the word "find" was spelled "fined" and this decided them. His punishment was fixed at one year in the penitentiary.

A. J. Patterson, piano tuner, Main 1892.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

First Methodist Episcopal—Corner Twelfth and M. Sts. Rev. Charles Cooke Woods, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45; Christmas sermon by the pastor at 11; choir meeting, 12:30. Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League, 5:30; Elworth League at 6:15, preaching by the pastor, 7:30. Christmas Cantata, Wednesday evening, December 23.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Merced street, between J and K. Services at 11 a. m. Subjects: "The Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Testimonial meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m. St. James Episcopal—Corner Fresno and N street. Rev. H. S. Hanson, rector. Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m.; evening prayer, 7:30 p. m.; service at 9 o'clock, 8 p. m.

Our Savior's Danish Lutheran—J. J. Hansen, pastor, residence, 294 J st. Services in Oleander at 3 p. m. On Christmas day, there will be services in the Elm Avenue church at 10:15 a. m. and in the Haughton school house at 3:45 p. m.

German Lutheran—Corner L and Ventura streets. S. Hornacker, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15. Services at 10:30 o'clock.

Swedish Mission—Corner of P and Glendale streets. Rev. L. G. Borg, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Friday at 5 a. m. Christmas morning service, "Valdare," Swedish school, festival, Christmas in the evening at 7 p. m.

Church of Christ Meets in Union hall, 1123 K st. Bible study, 10:30, worship, 11.

First Congregational—Corner of Inyo and K. Pastor, Rev. Benjamin Gould. Sunday school, 9:45; services, 11 and 7:30; subjects, morning: "The Angels' Message," evening: "The Voice of Christ." C. E. Societies: Junior, 3; Intermediate, united rally at 6:30; Presbyterian church, services, 6:30.

Grace Methodist Episcopal—Corner of Inyo and Rainey. D. A. Allen, pastor. Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Baptist—Corner Merced and N streets. Rev. A. P. Brown, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. subject, "Christ Coming Back to Earth in the Lives of His Disciples." Memorial Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Central Avenue mission at 2:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Evening preaching service at 7:30; subject, "Habits That Go On Forever."

First Christian—Corner N and Martine. J. R. Perkins, pastor. The Bible school will meet at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. subject, "The Bible and the Modern World." These services will have special Christmas features. At the morning service the pastor will preach on the subject, "A Modern Christmas and the Ancient Spirit." Miss Effie E. Anderson will sing, "The Babe of Bethlehem." Special music, "World Modern Society Entertain the Christmas Maker." Special music, A welcome to all strangers in the city away from their homes and home churches at this Christmas season.

First Presbyterian—Corner of Tulare and N. Rev. Lincoln Walker, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; services, 11 a. m. Rev. J. M. Thompson of Sacramento will occupy the pulpit. Junior, 3 p. m.; Intermediate, 4 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30; preaching by pastor, "Pursuing Sin."

First Presbyterian—Corner M and Merced. Thomas Boyd, pastor. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Evening, "The Vision of Christ to Joshua," or "The

14TH SUCCESSFUL WEEK AT EMPIRE



Miss Gertrude Dunlap and Lew Virden, at the Empire.

Monday night and all next week Sol Smith Russell's great pastoral play, "Peaceful Valley," will be given at the Empire. This play has made a hit wherever it has been played. "Peaceful Valley" is a beautiful story, a pretty play, and interspersed with some extra good specialties, will make an evening's entertainment worth while. The scenery used in

Warrior Prince.

"We Have Seen His Star," Simmer, Anthem by choir.

"Rejoice Ye," Page, tenor solo by Dr. C. C. Williams.

"Nazareth," Gounod, solo, this Orlson.

"Bethlehem," Noyes, solo and quartet. Miss Gungaw.

"He Shall Feed His Flock," from the Messiah, contralto solo, Mrs. F. H. Connelly.

Hallelujah chorus, organ postlude. St. Paul's M. E. South—Corner L and Merced streets. Rev. J. E. Moore, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45; preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock, subject, "My God Shall Fulfill Every Need of Yours," Phil. 4:19, second discourse. At the evening service Albert Munger and William Glass will speak. Senior League will meet at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at Temperance colony at 7:30 p. m.

United Presbyterian—Corner L and Merced streets. Rev. W. B. Gillespie, pastor. Regular morning services—Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11. Theme, "Dignity of Labor." Evening services at 7:30. Theme, "Power of Small Things."

Spiced Pigs Feet.

Russian Caviar, Holland Herring, Frankfurters and Saus Krant, Imported Pilsener beer at the

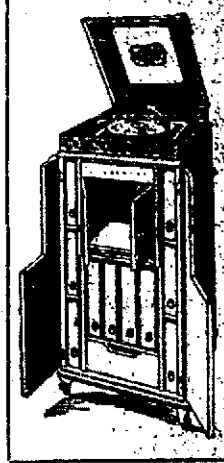
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Victor Talking Machines

Edison Phonograph

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—With December on the North Atlantic at its stormiest, trans-Atlantic shipping has been experiencing a severe buffeting. Not one of the fleet of westward-bound liners has kept anywhere near schedule, while the Teutonic, from Southampton, which should have headed the fleet into port on Wednesday, is three days behind time.

Strung along farther up the coast all far behind their schedules were La Provence, from Havre; the Baltic and the Campania, from Liverpool; the St. Paul from Southampton; and the Minneapolis from London. All are a day or more late.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the merchandise business, conducted at 901 Belmont avenue, Fresno, California, has been dissolved. The said business has been purchased by A. F. Stender, who will pay all bills and collect all accounts of the partnership. J. H. Elwood has no further connection with said business.

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THE CHILDREN'S TIME

And now let the spirit of the Christ-child reign for a brief season in the hearts of men. There is so little of it, at all times, that there can be no risk of too much now. Let the child in each home, rule that home as he ought. Let the joy be the joy of giving, and let the children be the recipients of it. For they are givers, too, and of gifts for more precious than toys and trinkets. If some glint of the divine light of childhood can still find reflection in the world-tarnished mirror of age, it is a recompense beyond all price. What the Christ-child taught, the children still embody; the unspooled model of that divine humanity from which we have fallen so far away. Life is rich only in proportion to the amount of childhood it retains. With most of us, that is lamentably little. The budding possibilities of childhood are atrophied to scars. At best, we can live over in our children what we have lost out of our own lives. And into that brief fairland of childhood, too much happiness can not be crowded. It is the treasure-time of life, and happiness accumulated then returns its interest until the end. Life will blunt the imagination and dull the spirit of childhood soon enough. The little that survives will be the only illumination we have left, for vision through the mists of life, is a vain thought that the brightest childhood are those that will have the most left over? And it is so brief a time! The babe of yesterday is the child of today and the dull man of tomorrow. The very moments of childhood should be treasured like jewels. For work and for worry there will be time enough, but now is the only opportunity to lay up stores of joy. To devote all the energies of the adult world, for one day, to increasing the happiness of childhood, is the most useful occupation in which the world indulges. It can not be overdone.

JOHNSON AND HENEY

The perennially misguided Argonaut makes a very bad argument in a very good cause when it suggests that the Citizens League of Justice retain Hiram Johnson for further services in connection with the graft prosecutions. No better selection could be made, and it is understood that the League of Justice was contemplating just this step when Mr. Johnson volunteered his services in the Ruef case. His services in any future case would be welcomed and useful, and should be paid for.

But the Argonaut, whose only purpose in making the suggestion is to get in a fling at Francis J. Heney, makes the astonishing argument that the purpose of getting Mr. Johnson is to stop the "acrimonious passages between attorneys," and to avoid the errors which led to a reversal before. Now, it is a matter of record that Mr. Johnson's conduct of the Ruef case, far from the suaviter in modo which the Argonaut, with its "sense of delicate perceptions" recommends, was quite as acrimonious as Heney's. Also it is known that the indictments on which the Schmitz case were reversed were written by Mr. Johnson himself. We do not regard either of these facts as a reproach, to Mr. Johnson, any more than the corresponding facts are a reproach to Mr. Heney. The man who would submit long to the systematic insults of Henry Ach must be less or more than human; and the lawyer who can draw an indictment which our appeal courts can not reverse when they try is not born yet. Even Mr. Johnson's somewhat sensational closing speech in the Ruef trial, which Foreman McNamara said was one of the main obstacles to reaching a verdict, was probably productive of more good than harm. It was a speech which honorable and sensitive men would naturally resent, if addressed to themselves. But men of sensitive honor on that jury were going to convict Ruef, anyway, first or last, even if they did resent the speech. And if there were any dishonest men on the jury (there had been on every previous jury, and at least two had nearly got on this) this speech was exactly the thing to bring them to their senses. So we have no criticism to make on Mr. Johnson, even in the light of hindsight. But the Argonaut, which pretends that these things are total disqualifications, in the case of Heney, should not fairly familiar facts, to allege the reverse of them, in praise of Johnson. Hiram Johnson does not need the Argonaut's praise; least of all, mis-leading commendation of things he did not do. And he will not be made a club to belabor Francis Heney, in whose footsteps he followed, and by whose methods he won the case.

A DAILY "SUP"

All the San Francisco papers are now getting out "Saturday Supps." of one sort or another, in addition to the Sunday monstrosities. Why not adopt a plan that has worked brilliantly in Germany, and issue a daily supplement? Some of the leading German papers issue, say, a business supplement on Monday, a literary supplement on Tuesday, a political one on Wednesday, a children's department on Thursday, a women's paper on Friday, an art supplement or a sporting section on Saturday, and a general combination supplement on Sunday. Of course the thing can not be done on a bluff basis. The various supplements must be really good of their kind. But they do not have to be huge or sensational! And they are popular all the week.

WHO CAN LEARN IT?

Professor Leunehury of Yale, whose articles in the Atlantic Monthly depicting the dictionary and grammar from their traditional authority have done so much for popular linguistic enlightenment, is out now with the statement that teachers of literature (like himself) are nearly as useless as grammars and dictionaries. It is the traditional British view, that you can't teach English literature; that the man brought up among books, in a literary atmosphere, does not need to be taught, and nobody else can be taught. Professor Leunehury does not go quite so far as this, and doubtless he would not advocate abolishing his own profession, at least as a dispenser of information. But, so far as the production of literature is concerned, or the really cultured appreciation of it, he has reached the conclusion to which, in impatience or in resignation, nearly every teacher or worker in the art of words finally comes.

For that matter, there is a certain bitter truth in the notion that the only people who can really be taught anything are the ones who do not need to be taught. An untaught musician is of course not a virtuoso, but no one can become a musician by teaching except one who would have acquired a considerable proficiency without teaching. No one can be taught to paint or draw anything worth while who could not have drawn fairly well without teaching. Certainly, the only people who can be taught to write with any positive quality whatever, are those who can write with that quality without teaching. The negative virtues of foolishness must be taught, and a style is not finished without them. But only the right substance will take the true polish, and teaching can not supply the substance. Drill-masters can manufacture a German soldier out of a German peasant, but the only men who could be a Napoleon or a Caesar, with professional training, were the men who could become it without. Polished oratory is better than rude oratory, but either sort is better than the artificial product turned out of raw material at the dramatic school. Business success demands business experience and knowledge. And yet, the only man who can make a brilliant success in a business he knows is the man who could make some sort of a success of a business he did not know. Education can do much, especially in the common things, which require only knowledge and training. And education is supremely needed for the higher things. But the only men who can do great things with it are the men who could have done things of some greatness without it.

KNOX

The only selection definitely made for the Taft cabinet is that of Sen-

ator Knox for secretary of state. And this selection, like the similar one of Root in the Roosevelt cabinet, will doubtless be criticized by the extreme radicals. Neither Knox nor Root could be thought of as presidential possibilities, though either as an actual administrator of the office would make a good president. But they would fill the imagination of the people the wrong way. Root is a long-time corporate attorney, and Knox was put in the senate by the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

And yet Knox, like Root, will doubtless make a most admirable secretary of state. What is needed in that office is personal capacity, and Knox has it. He is a corporation attorney of the highest type, a man of genuine public spirit, and a man who, when the public was his client, rendered it brilliant and faithful service. Such men should not be presidents, or governors, nor senators when they get their places as Knox did. If they are service corporation tools, like all of their kind in California, they should hold no public place. But when they are men like Knox, Root and Spooner (the list is short; we can not think of a fourth) there is a place for them in the economy of government. Roosevelt found it, for Root, and Taft has found it for Knox. We are inclined to think it will turn out a fortunate choice.

THE INTERREGNUM

The only unsatisfactory part of the Roosevelt administration now approaches. With its end already fixed and the succession determined, there is nothing for the expiring administration either to begin or to finish. There will be activity enough, but it seems futile and unreal. It is a scene still played on the stage, after the climax has passed and the curtain is signaled to fall. Everything is out of its relations, there is no perspective or connection, and the time is like an interregnum, filled out with a perfunctory regency, but deprived of the quietude which a mere perfunctory regency would have.

It is nobody's fault, and is a situation bound to occur in the closing months of any active administration. We have made our system of succession all wrong, in deference to the stage-coach limits of the past. We elect a new president and a new congress, and then we lay them away a whole winter on the shelf. A congress which has just been voted out of office continues to enact laws under the leadership of a president who has also officially expired. Whether the new administration is to be hostile or friendly, properly largely inhibits action by the old. The new president has usually selected his cabinet and outlined his administration by Christmas. Then, for nearly three months, the old president goes on exercising a function

that has ceased to be useful, while the new president chafes under another which is still only instrumental. Practically, we have two presidents of equal moral weight, one the surviving custodian of legal powers which it is not desirable that he exercise, and the other the trustee of great responsibilities which he is not yet permitted to assume. The system is thoroughly illogical, and it only excites for existence in the fact that at the time of the adoption of the constitution, the actual physical process of making the change required the time allowed.

DEMOCRATIC FUTURE

Henry Lichfield West has an article in the December Forum on "The Future of the Democratic Party," which shows the curious faculty of New York class provincialism. Mr. West thinks the Democratic party is to revive, and live, but he thinks it must be by acting "along lines which will regain for it the confidence of the business interests of the country," and it must restore the alleged Jeffersonian principles.

Now, nothing can be plainer than that the Democratic party can do nothing of the sort. The Democratic party may carry New York, some day, on "conservative business lines," but it will lose everything else on that basis. Sound conservatism and sound radicalism are already combined in the Republican party. Unsound and reactionary conservatism can not win in any party, though Wall street will not give up buying publicity to urge it. Extreme radicalism also can probably not win. But it may, sometime, come somewhere near to it. And at any rate, even in defeat, radicalism can live. It can survive defeat, as reactionism can not.

If the Democratic party has any future at all, it must be as representing either a revived South or organized radicalism. A Southern candidate, enthusiastically supported by the South, and appealing to the Northern sentiment of reconciliation, might carry enough Northern states to give the party a new lease of life. A radical candidate might do the same thing. It would not mean victory, but it might mean defeat of the sort the Democratic party has so long survived. Defeats of the Parker sort, even the Democratic party could not often endure.

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NEW CAR SYSTEM IS INAUGURATED

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At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the two-car system which has been for some time contemplated by the traction company was introduced on the Blackstone and Forthcamp lines. From this time on, with possibly a temporary interruption for some further work, the lines will be operated separately, as are other lines in the city. Standstill streets' junction will be completely remedied.

As the cars are now running, there are two on each line in place of three for both, as formerly. The ten minutes' service on each line is kept up, but going out of town, the interval between a Blackstone and North Park car or vice versa is but five minutes. Passengers inbound or outbound from town, will not be transferred at the old junction, but passengers going from Forthcamp to Blackstone, or vice versa, and not to town, will be transferred at the junction. The cars will no longer wait at the junction to make connections, but will run on their own schedules.

The system of operation is introduced to handle large traffic which has been found on the lines. It was introduced a little earlier than might have otherwise been the case in order to handle the Christmas shopping crowds.

The company intends to double track on J street as far as Fresno, though the double tracking has been done now only as far as Alameda street.

STOCK MEN TO MEET FOR A CONVENTION

A call has just been issued for the twelfth annual convention of the American National Live Stock Association, to be held in Los Angeles January 26, 27, 28, 1927.

The question of revision of tariff is expected to come up, to be discussed, as it affects the duty on hides, wool and live stock. A pending bill for government control of grazing on public ranges will also be up for discussion. Clifford Fincham will be present to speak on the administration of forest reserves. The question of improvement of railroad service will also be up.

Reduced rates for the convention have been granted by the railroads.

NEW BICYCLE PATH.

The bicycle path on the north side of Belmont avenue leading out to Rording's park has been made over for the use of pedestrians and a new bicycle path has been built on the south side. It is proposed to require motorcycles to keep to the middle of the road and keep pedestrians and bicycles on their respective sides.



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Extra reductions on a lot of Genuine Sample Shoes.

Queen Quality Shoes; worth \$3.50 and \$3.00, selling for \$1.40

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WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The tide is falling slowly. The weather of the Pacific coast is the coldest weather of the year. The temperature in California, at San Francisco, a minimum temperature of 36 degrees was recorded, which is the coldest temperature in 28 years. The tide is falling in the valleys with temperature at the freezing point. Killing frosts occurred at nearly all points. In the San Diego frost being reported as to the San Diego Orange growers have been warned in all sections to continue smudging.

San Joaquin valley, Fri. Sunday, with heavy frost in the morning and some fog; light southwest wind.

GENERAL CONDITIONS
The storm noted over the Lake region yesterday is moving southward, and clouds that prevail over the region east of the Mississippi river. It is snowing in Northern New York and raining in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Light rain or snow has fallen over the past twenty-four hours in the Gulf coast, the Atlantic coast, the Appalachian mountains and in the lower Lake region, and also in Eastern Montana. The temperature has remained nearly stationary in the extreme south with it has dropped below zero in Northern New England.

High pressure center over the northern Rocky mountains occupies nearly all the United States with generally clear, cold weather in all sections west of the Mississippi river. Snow has occurred over a large portion of the Pacific slope.

Fair weather is indicated for Fresno and vicinity tonight with falling frost and fog Sunday morning.

J. P. BOLTON, Official in Charge.
Temperature (dry bulb) 33
On page 12 for Christmas suggestions.
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Dr. Allen, dentist.
Dr. Thomas, dentist.
Dr. Howard, dentist.
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Smilax for Christmas decoration, Mrs. W. W. McAbey, Phone Sub 2137.
Go to Roeding's, 1215 J St. for fine Christmas trees. Special prices.
Mrs. Chappell and Martin, Osteopath physicians, Room 147 Forsyth Bldg.
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We grind "Kryptok" invisible bifocal lenses, J. M. Crawford & Co., 1123 J St.
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Holiday inducements on house paints, signs and ornamental plants at Roeding's, 1215 J St.
A good place to go tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow evening, Romeo and Juliet at National theater.
Marshall's harnesses hanging fern baskets for holiday trade now on display, corner of 1 and Kern streets.
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Hairdressing, shampooing, scalp treatment, human hair goods, wigs, pompadour, puffs, etc. Combings made up, Garibaldi Bldg., Main 1904; wigs removed.
Christmas greens, holly wreaths, bells, baskets, jordanians, Russian brasser, orange blossoms and cut flowers for holiday gifts, Kate Parsons, 1913-15 Fresno St.
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LOCAL BREVITIES

Look up Holland's ad on page 12 for Christmas suggestions.
Dr. Hall, dentist.
Dr. Allen, dentist.
Dr. Thomas, dentist.
Dr. Howard, dentist.
Rembrandt Studio, 1136 1st St.
Oak barber shop at old stand.
Mrs. M. Shumlin, the florist.
Ask for Danish creamery butter.
Dr. Kelly, dentist, Forsyth Bldg.
Dr. Ross moved, 29 Elise Bldg.
Dr. O. B. Doyle, Land Co. Bldg.
Dr. Gilbert, dentist, Green Bldg.
Dr. Aaronson, osteopath, Land Co. Bldg.
Kale Parsons, florist, 1915 Fresno St.
Fancy alfalfa seed, Hobbs-Parsons seed dept.
For ferns and Christmas trees phone Main 944, H. M. Ruth.
Turkeys wanted at Santa Fe Market, opposite Santa Fe depot.
Wanted: Chickens and turkeys at Palau Market, 1912 Tulare St.
Have your yard cleaned by the Fresno Scavenger Co., Phone Main 524.
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Go to Roeding's, 1215 J St. for fine Christmas trees. Special prices.
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Best cough medicine, Tyndale's Eucalyptus No. 1, 2 oz. any drugstore, 30c.
We grind "Kryptok" invisible bifocal lenses, J. M. Crawford & Co., 1123 J St.
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PERSONAL MENTION

Robert Venn returned yesterday from Putnam, where he acted as judge at an annual poultry show. He also judged several classes of the day previous to the Putnam exhibit.

E. Byrd Bradley, a member of the Fresno police department, is again able to resume his duties after a severe illness which confined him to his home for two weeks.

Mr. Swartz is home from Berkeley to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents of this city. He is accompanied by Clifford Swart, another university student, who is spending the holidays as Mr. Swartz's guest.

The matter of reduce drates for growers attending the mass meeting to be taken up, and an effort made to get the railroad to grant a rate and a third for round trip.

DIED

DUNN, In Mendota, December 18, 1908, George, son of John Dunn, a native of California, aged 24 years, 11 months.

BORN

ZANINOVICH—In Fresno, December 18, 1908, to the wife of J. Zaninovich, a daughter.

Louis Einstein & Co.
FRESNO'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORES

An Einstein Glove Order or Merchandise Order will solve your gift perplexity.

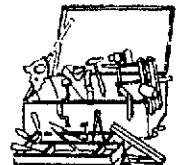
Give Useful Gifts, and Pick Them From This List of Suggestions

Give useful, practical gifts, gifts of worth and lasting quantity. These are the kind that give the most pleasure and the kind that reflect your good judgment by their selection.

In this store you will find thousands of such gift articles—gifts for everybody—for old and for young—and of such good quality and dependable worth, and at such low prices, that not anywhere will you find such chances to make Christmas money do extra duty than at Einstein's.

In this list there are many helpful suggestions. Pick your gifts from among them.

Toys for all at the Lowest Prices



With only four days in which to get the Christmas toys it means hurry, hurry. Nowhere will you be able to choose so easily as here. Our Toy Department is very large and spacious and even with the large Christmas crowds you will find it most comfortable for satisfactory selection. Einstein Toys are the best to be had, and Einstein prices are the lowest at which good toys can be sold for. Come here for final selections.

Black Boards, large size, each 85c	Rocking Chairs; white enameled; each 35c
Tool Chests with tools 20c	Carpet Sweepers; each 40c
Steam Engines, with safety valves \$1.50	Repeating Air Rifles; each \$1.35
Doll Go-Carts, only 85c	Cloth Dolls; several different styles; each 25c
Horns, good and strong; easy to blow 15c	Child's Swing Chairs; large and very strong; will hold a grown person; complete for \$3.50



Furs of Beauty, Style and Quality Sure to be Appreciated

NECK PIECE of Sable Coney, ends finished with 6 tails; chain fastening \$2.50	SHAWL of brown opossum; lined with heavy brown satin; 54 inches long; finished with head and cord fastening \$12.50
THROW of Sable Coney; 44 inches long; lined with good quality satin \$2.75	SHAWL SCARF of Isabella Raccoon; lined with heavy brown satin; finished with four large brush tails; fancy cord fastening \$13.50
PELERINE of Sable Coney; fur on both sides; finished with cord fastening \$3.25	MUFF and THROW of Siberian Squirrel in a rich gray shade; muff empire shape; both lined with good quality satin \$13.50
NECK PIECE of Brook Mink; lined with heavy brown satin; fancy ornament \$5.00	SHAWL SCARF of extra quality Isabella Fox; lined with heavy brown satin; ends finished with four brush tails; cord fastening \$16.00
SHAWL COLLAR of Sable Coney; lined with heavy satin; tab ends finished with four tails \$5.50	SHAWL SCARF of Sable Fox; 60 inches long; the heads and tails in a stylish arrangement at back of collar; tab ends; finished with two large brush tails; lined throughout with heavy satin; a very handsome piece \$25.00
MUFF of Isabella Opossum in a rich shade of brown; empire shape; lined with heavy brown satin; finished with cord \$6.75	
ISABELLA FOX BOA; finished with two large brush tails; 42 inches long \$9.50	
OPOSSUM SCARF; fur on both sides; 52 inches long; tab ends finished with cord \$25.00	



Special Sale of Finest White Wool Blankets and Down Comforters

We offer now some of the very finest Blankets and Comforters at greatly reduced prices. They are blankets and comforters such as housekeepers are always anxious to obtain and the saving prices at which they may be purchased now will interest all who need fine warm bedding or who think of giving some useful article for a Christmas gift.

\$7.50 Blankets at \$6.65	The Best Comforters at Reduced Prices
Very large Eastern Blankets, white with pink and blue border, made from very high-grade staple wool, silk bound, fine warm and beautiful blankets and most unusual values at the reduced price.	\$3.50 Down Crib Comforters \$2.70
\$11.50 Blankets at \$10.35	\$8.50 Down Comforters; size 6x7 ft. \$7.60
White all wool Blankets with pink and blue border; made of extra choice long staple wool; size 72x84; silk bound.	\$10 Down Comforters; size 6x7 ft. \$9.00
	\$12.00 Down Comforters; size 6x7 ft. \$10.50
	\$10.50 Silk Top Comforters, filled with pure laminated cotton; size 72x90 \$8.85
	\$5.50 Comforters, filled with fine wool; size 6x7 ft. \$4.75

10 Per Cent Discount on Linens

Now choose the Christmas Linens from a fine stock at ten per cent discount from regular prices.

All this week we offer all beautiful hemstitched sets, cloths, and napkins; also all table damask by the yard at this discount.

Table Damask from 35c to \$2.00 yard	Smyrna Rugs; each \$1.50
Table Cloths from \$2.50 to \$10 each	Bagdad Couch Covers \$4.50
Napkins from \$1.50 to \$7.00 doz.	Roman Stripe Couch Covers \$1.50
	Oriental Couch Covers \$7.50

Rugs, Couch Covers and Lace Curtains, Good Gifts

A present that adds to the comfort and beauty of the home is one of the most prized and appreciated gifts. In the matter of variety and quality you have unsurpassed selection here, and in the matter of price, a comparison will show that those we ask you to pay are not to be matched anywhere for lowness. Here are a few suggestions.

Arabian Net Curtains; pair \$2.75	Beautiful Renaissance Curtains; pair \$3.00
Cluny Lace Arabian Curtains; pair \$5.25	

Gift Hints From The Fancy Goods Department

Fancy Rack Combs..	35c to 35	Fine Perfumes; in fancy boxes..	25c to \$2.00	Short Kid Gloves	\$1.25 to \$2.50
Side Combs	25c to 75c	Comb and Brush		Long Kid Gloves	\$3.25 to \$3.75
Fancy Barrettes	25c to 75c	Sets	50c to \$1.50	Fancy Collars..	25c to \$2.50
Box Ruching	25c to 50c	Handbags	75c to \$12.50	Fancy Belt Buck	
Fancy Ribbons, yard	25c to 81	Initial Handker		les	
Dullary Scarfs	\$2 to \$4	chiefs	20c to 35c	Fancy Hat Pins	25c to \$1.25
Opera Bags	\$1.50 to 82	Embroidery Handker		Fancy Fans..	35c to \$4.50
Fancy Hose Hat Pin Holders	50c	chiefs	12 1/2 c to \$1.50	Fancy Boxes Writing	
Fancy Coat Hang		Beauty Pins..	35c to 75c	Paper	
ers	75c to \$1.25	Hand Embroidered Handker		Silk Shawls..	\$2.00 to \$4.00
Ladies' Silk Hose.		chiefs	35c to \$3.50	Children's Bear Skin	
pair	\$1.50 to \$5.00	Umbrellas..	\$1.00 to \$15.00	Conts	\$2.50 to \$7.50
Ladies' Fancy Hose	50c to 75c	Belt	25c to \$2.50	Children's Mittens	25c to 50c
				Pillow Tops	50c to \$2.00

News of Central California

S. P. BUSINESS SHOWS GROWTH OF OIL CENTER

Railroad Improves Coalings Service.

Trustees to Call Bond Election to Extend Municipal Benefits.

COALINGA, Dec. 19.—The rapid growth of this field and town is shown by the business done by the Southern Pacific company. The freight receipts for the month of November, 1928, amounted to \$135,000. The company appreciates this business and is now demonstrating its confidence in this town and field. The passenger service has been very much improved of late. There are now chair cars on the two regular daily trains in and out of Coalinga. Since last Sunday there have been four freight trains daily in an effort to promptly handle the business. Today the regular force consists of ten persons, and an application is in asking for two additional clerks. Four years ago Mr. McFee and two of his daughters attended to this office business. The company has a force of men here, surveyors and mechanics, who are engaged in some very important improvements which means much for the business public and the railroad company. The "y" that now lays west of town will be removed and laid east of town, on section 33-20-15, at a point west of the long trestle. The freight yard with sidings will be west of town where the present "y" is now located. There will be a heavy platform and large swinging crane to handle heavy machinery in the freight yard. The present platform, at the freight depot, will be extended to 4th street, giving additional room to handle the lighter freight for town and field. These improvements will enable the company to accommodate the business coming into the field, but before two years shall have rolled around other improvements along these lines will be necessary—and they will come with the demand.

The Town Board of Trustees has decided to call a bond election, to be held on the last Tuesday in January. The board will hold a meeting to consider the advisability of calling an election to take in the Sunset addition, the Pleasant Valley addition and the Cleary addition, that this part of town may have the protection of the fire department and the sewer system. The bonds will be for \$35,000 to build a sewer system; \$10,000 in grading and oiling the streets; \$5,000 for installing and equipping the fire department and a fire alarm system for the protection of the city. A total of \$50,000. The election to annex to Coalinga the outlying additions will be held before the bond election to enable the residents and property holders in the district affected an opportunity to secure the benefits of a sewer system and the protection of the fire department with a fire alarm system.

The American Petroleum company, section 30-20-15, is running four strings of tools, well No. 1 and No. 6 are fine producers. There is considerable improvement going on, a large warehouse and a large lodging house for the accommodation of the men are among the recent new buildings. The company has developed a fine water well that is serving eight wells now drilling, and produces enough for twenty drilling wells, a

saving of about \$1,000 per month. Superintendent Tom Crumpton says. A stream eight inches wide and 4 inches deep is running from the waste pipe. The water is fine boiler water, very free from scale, what scale that does accumulate drops from the flues and slides when the boiler is opened and cleaned. The company is running four strings of tools on section 18-19-15, two drilling wells, 900 feet and 700 feet deep; two rigs ready to spud in.

The increasing number of strangers upon the streets, with the often spoken query, "where is the express office?" and a number of like questions, is a further indication of growth. The great percentage of these strangers are of the business class and mechanics, drawn here by the activity prevailing. The town trustees refuse to grant any more licenses, feeling that twelve saloons were quite enough for a town of 3,500 people. The saloons are confined to one block, making it very convenient for the thirsty, enabling them to take in all these thirst places without much travel.

The Rusting Iron Works sold two 100 horse-power high pressure boilers to the Fresno Consolidated Ice Plant lately. Joe Long, the manager of the boiler department, says that the heavy trade in boilers in this field enables the dealer here to compete with many outside points.

M. V. McQuigg and J. Benson Wrenn have acquired the property of the Blue Diamond Oil property, in section 26-20-14. They have tumbled the old well and will use it for a water well. They intend to start drilling shortly after the first of the year.

The Pleasant Valley Hotel company has its three-story building near completion. The first, facing 5th street, is now showing up in fine style. The first story is of brick, the next two stories are faced with concrete, and are very showy.

The Kern Trading and Oil company, section 13-20-14, has completed rigs for wells No. 3, No. 11 and No. 12, and one rig on section 23-20-14. On section 23-19-15, rigs are up for No. 11 and No. 13—three rigs are now on this section.

The Commercial Petroleum company, section 31-19-15, has well No. 12 1750 feet from the 5-inch drive pipe. Manager M. L. Woy is driving development work on this property.

The Kern Trading and Oil company, section 13-20-14, has three producing wells, two wells drilling and four rigs completed ready for the drilling crews; material on the ground for another rig.

A. M. Anderson of the El Cerrito Oil company, section 14-23-17, has a new Pope-Hartford machine, 55 horse-power, in use in the south field. H. L. Cronler has resigned the office of town recorder, pressure of business about the bank making it necessary. The town loses a conscientious official.

W. W. Parlin, of the Coalinga-Pacifica has material on the ground for a rig to drill a test well a short distance easterly from section 26-21-17.

A company—reported to be the Lost Hills Oil company—is building a rig about eleven miles southerly from the Photo Oil company.

The local truck gardener has made his appearance on the streets of this town. Fresh vegetables will be very welcome in this district.

The Amy Oil company, section 6-21-15, is 400 feet deep with stove pipe casing, which will be carried through the loose gravel top formation.

The Peerless Consolidated Oil company, section 10-20-15, is preparing to rebuild the derrick burned last summer and complete the well.

The Coalinga Planning Mill has enlarged its boiler plant to meet the increased demand for mill work.

Wells Fargo & Co. is experiencing a heavy Christmas business. The post office has commenced to feel the effect of Christmas, all hands busy.

The Photo Oil company, section 12-

FOUR WOMEN INJURED IN OVERTURNED AUTO

Judd Dibble's Machine Upset Near Cemetery.

Hanford People Seek the Divorce Court—Oil Fields Romance.

HANFORD, Dec. 19.—An automobile driven at high speed by Judd Dibble of Lakeside district and containing five persons, skidded onto an embankment near the Hanford cemetery this morning and upset, injuring four ladies who were passengers in the machine. Dibble's oldest daughter suffered a broken shoulder blade, and Miss Cameron, one of the party, sustained numerous injuries, including a dislocated and fractured shoulder blade. The automobile was demolished.

In the machine, besides Dibble, were his wife, two daughters and Miss Cameron. The party was coming into Hanford on a shopping tour, when the wheels struck a slippery stretch of road and began to skid. Dibble worked the steering gear frantically but uselessly, as the auto bumped into the embankment and careened over. There was nearly a second's warning and the occupants were thrown beneath the overturned vehicle.

Mrs. Dibble received a severe nervous shock as a result of the accident. She was taken to the Block home, near by. The younger ladies were taken to the office of Dr. C. L. Scott in this city, where they were treated for their injuries. The younger Miss Dibble was found to be only slightly injured, while Dibble escaped almost entirely without injury.

Mrs. J. Hale Alvord was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from her husband, J. E. Alvord. Sarah Alice Covert today commenced divorce proceedings against her husband, Charles G. Covert. The grounds named in the complaint are habitual drunkenness.

Miss Margaret Dold, librarian at the State Normal school in Chico, Cal., arrived in Hanford this evening to spend the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dold of East Ninth street.

Emmett D. Hendershott and Mattie S. Lackey, both of oil fields, were united in marriage in Hanford today. Justice J. W. Ferguson officiated.

20-14, has well No. 4 200 feet deep with 12 1-2 inch casing; rig is building for well No. 15.

The Photo Oil company, section 19-26-19, Desh's Den district, has rigged up on well No. 1 and will spud in the coming week.

It is reported that the Union Oil company is building a rig, about ten miles southerly from the Photo Oil company, to drill a test well.

The Coalinga Petroleum Oil company, section 14-20-14, has completed rigs for No. 6 and No. 7.

The Ozark Oil company, section 26-20-14, has well No. 4 into the oil sand showing up the best on the lease.

The Coalinga Petroleum Oil company, section 22-19-15, has completed rig for well No. 14.

The Gladys Oil company, section 26-21-15, has a new rig on the southwest quarter and one of the southeast quarter.

A rig is being built about six miles easterly from the Photo Oil company. Two rigs are building on section 13-25-19, in the Devil's Den district.

The Queen Oil company, section 14-20-14, has completed rig for well No. 1. The Claremont Oil company, section 24-20-14, has completed rig for well No. 4, seventh on property.

Your Christmas List

Undoubtedly Contains Some of These Things Named Below

Remember!

Artistic Gifts of This Kind Are Always to be Had in Especially Attractive Form at Our Store

That Man

Cigar Cutters
Cigarette Cases
Cigar Cases
Pocket Knives
Match Boxes
Cuff Links
Shirt Studs
Scarf Pins
Watches
Watch Chains and Fobs
Fob Charms
Signet Rings

The Lady Silver Gifts

Women treasure gifts of such as are extensively shown in our Christmas display, because of the singular beauty of the designs.

Rings
Brooches
Scarf Pins
Lockets and Chains
Necklaces
Bracelets
Watches and Chains
Fobs and Watch Pins
Cuff Pins
Hat Pins
Belt Pins, Buckles
Hair Barrettes
Back Combs

Toilet Sets
Jewel Cases
Cigar Cases
Cigarette Cases
Match Boxes
Pocket Knives
Shaving Mugs
Whisky Flasks
Military Brushes
Picture Frames
Hat-Pin Holders
Puff Boxes
Belt Pins, Buckles

McCARTHY'S

1118 J Street.

Christmas Will Soon Be Here

You'll surely need a suit. And when you have that suit made, be sure and *cut* to us.

We are fashionable tailors. When we make your suit it has that stylish hang and fit.

WE ARE NOT ONLY TAILORS FOR MEN, BUT ALSO FOR LADIES.

Ladies, we can make you just the tailored suit you want.

MARTIN BROS., 1150 I St. Phone Main 957

WEST PARK ITEMS.

Miss Wren Holcomb of Clovis, has been spending a few days with friends in the colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Demmick of Missouri, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead.

Mr. Maurice Buputch who has been spending the past year in the East has returned to the colony to reside.

Mr. Adam Pretzer is preparing to build a new house. His late home having been destroyed by fire.

Mr. Ed Dawson has sold his place in

Madison and has moved to Fresno with his family. Mr. Griggs has also sold out and moved to Fresno to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hart of Perrin, have moved into the colony and are taking charge of the Blake vineyard.

Last Friday evening the members of the Sunday school gave a basket social at the church. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Geo. Pike who has been driving the Bowen dairy wagon, left on Thursday morning for Tennessee.

Mr. Ralph Bowen and wife have moved to Fresno to reside. His brother Clyde is running the dairy.

Mr. Penett has rented a place in Oleander and has moved there with his family.

Frank Letter, principal of the West Park school, leaves on Saturday for Stockton—where he intends to spend Christmas with his parents.

The West Park school closes on Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Will McNett of San Jose, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Noland Jackson accompanied by her sister Miss Agnes Rice, returned from Watsonville last Saturday.

Morris Lockhart has leased his place and has moved to Fresno.

Mr. Loren Ross of Los Banos, is visiting friends in the colony.

Miss Gertrude Metcalf has been quite sick, but is improving now.

There will be a Christmas tree at the west Park church on Thursday evening.

BUSINESS RIVALS FIGHT ON STREET

Rival Expressmen Differ and Come to Blows, Resulting in Both Landing in Jail.

Patrolman Charles McKee put a sudden termination to a lively fist fight at the corner of Mariposa and I streets yesterday afternoon between two expressmen, who have occupied rival stands on corners for the past two years. An altercation over business came up and resulted in Louis De Crane and Frank Frelis exchanging several damaging blows. Both were covered with blood when the officer arrived on the scene and put a stop to the scrap. Honors were about even when they were separated. They were mixers from the sound of the song and the bout soon developed into a slugging match with science thrown in the wind.

Both were lodged in the county jail with charges of battery against them. They were later released on bail by Police Judge Briggs. The difficulty will be threshed out in court tomorrow morning.

E. J. PHELAN GIVES BONDS IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—E. J. Phelan formerly a merchant of Mendota, now living in Los Angeles, who was arrested here on telegraphic instructions from the officers of Stanislaus county, where bench warrants were issued for his arrest, following the return of indictments by the grand jury of that county, was released tonight after bonds in the sum of \$5000 had been furnished the court. Phelan says he will appear to answer the charges, which is that of promoting an alleged swindle.

A Christmas Matinee.



\$1.00 DOWN AND \$1.00 A WEEK
And We Will Deliver an

Edison or Victor

Machine at your home—no interest. We carry the largest stock of machines and records in the city

\$10.00 to \$125.00

Be sure and call on us when you are in want of a Talking Machine.

Juvenile Wheels Cut to \$20.00

ANY SIZE

\$40.00 Rambler Bicycles reduced to \$27.50
60c Zonophone Records for 25c

Nishkian's Cyclery

WHEEL AND PHONOGRAPH HOUSE



Open Every Evening Until Xmas

ONE OF MY

Sample Shoe Shops

Opened on the 2nd Floor
Short Building, 1033 J St.,
yesterday. My shop was
filled with customers
from early morn till night.
The reason for this is that

I SELL THE FINEST SHOES MADE FOR MEN
AND WOMEN FOR

\$2.50 A PAIR

THEY ARE REGULAR \$3.50 TO \$7.00 VALUES

Valentine's
SAMPLE
SHOE SHOP

Don't forget the address,
2nd Floor Short Bldg.
1033 J St., Up Stairs.

Kutner-
Goldstein
Co.Kutner-
Goldstein
Co.**Mixed Candy lb., 10c**

It's good candy, sweet, wholesome and fresh. Search the town over and you can't find its equal. 15c a lb. On sale tomorrow, all day, lb. 10c

Oranges 12c

Sweet Navel Oranges at twelve cents a dozen. Surely that's a tempting one and with Christmas less than a week away. Come or phone for them, but be sure to get early.

Blum's Candy Lb. 35c

The richest and purest French Cream Candy ever sold over a Fresno counter. From San Francisco sends it to Fresno daily. It's a 20c quality, selling here for 35c.

Cluster Raisin Sale

You will want some for your Christmas dinner table, and you won't find any nicer than these large cluster raisins, new crop, selling tomorrow, all day, for 35c.

Women's Handkerchiefs 3c

Such good ones that at 3c they would be quickly snapped up. Sheep lawn, fine weaves, nicely hemstitched. On sale tomorrow, each 3c.

This Is the Greatest Christmas Store In all Central California—A Wonderland of Holiday Suggestions

You will save time, worry, money by coming to this store for your needs. You will find the largest stocks to choose from, so your choosing will be easier. You will find the largest number of clerks, so you will be quickly served. You will find the most attentive salespeople, the best delivery service, the most accommodating store, and THE LOWEST PRICES. We know we can save you from 10 to 25 per cent of your holiday money.

Red Cross Trading Stamps

We are trying to help the Red Cross society, of which President-elect Taft is the head, to raise a fund to stamp out the Great White Plague, "Tuberculosis." We are selling Red Cross stamps at a penny each. Place one of these stamps on every letter and package you mail in addition to the regular postage. All of the money goes to the Red Cross society. Won't you help brighten some sufferer's Christmas?

Merchandise Orders

If in doubt what to give, get a Merchandise Order. It's a convenient way of making an acceptable present. Purchase one for any amount you desire. It will be honored for the full amount of your order at any time.



Doll Buggies from 45c to \$3.50.



Doll Buggies from 45c to \$4.00.



Games from 5c to \$1.50.



Letter Blocks, 5c to 50c.



Tool Chests, 25c to 50c.



Child's Chairs, 25c to 75c



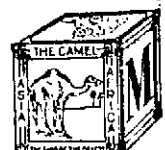
Post-Card Albums, 25c Up.



Blocks, 5c to 50c.



Printing Presses, \$1.25 to \$4.50.



Picture Albums, 25c to \$1.50.

Jingle Winners

The following little authors are entitled to prizes and will receive them by cutting out a portion of our advertisement and bringing it to our basement toyland.

Every day this week winners will be announced. So write your jingles and mail them or bring them to Santa Claus Postoffice at Kutner's, Fresno.

Dear Santa Claus—
I am writing you a letter
With mamma's pen and ink
She left them on the table here.
I guess she didn't think
That I was big enough to climb
In her big arm chair and write;
But I thought I'd just surprise you
With a letter sweet tonight.
I know when you've read it,
The very words you'll say—
"Why, bless the little darling,
I'll give her a prize from Kutner's
basement, this very day."
FREDIA HARTMAN,
R. R. 1, Box 107.

Have you been to Kutner's store,
Where you've often been before,
And seen the Xmas toys,
For little girls and boys,
Crowding every floor?

Raisins ain't sold yet;
Money's scarce, you bet;
But daddy says he doesn't care,
For at Kutner's, everywhere,
Bargains can be met.

Old Santa is there, too,
With the presents, nice and new—
Dolls and drums and balls and bats,
Tiddy hours and woolly cats,
What you think he'll bring to you?

FRESNO R. R. & SCANDINAVIAN COLONY,
December 8.

There are lots of pretty girls who
clerk at K. G.'s store,
Now boys, come down and trade
with them, you'll like them
more and more.
Kutner's has merchandise
they'll show you with delight,
And they'll be there to wait on you
from early morn till night.

VIOLET COTTON,
1533 Angus St.,
Fresno, Cal.

These Are Also Prize Winners

The little girl or boy who lives
at 1247 R St. the name signed to
jingle.

Betta A. Farnher, R. R. No. 4,
Victoria Station, 219 I St.
Mamie Funch, R. R. No. 10,
Tuscar Woodbridge, Clovis, Cal.

Handkerchiefs Make Nice Gifts for Him

Here you will find handkerchiefs
by the thousands. We made a special
effort this season to get the
best handkerchief values possible,
and our men's store will certainly
save you money on the handkerchiefs
you need.

Cotton Handkerchiefs at

4c 5c 6c

Linen Finished Handkerchiefs at

10c 12 1/2c 15c 20c

Pair-Linen Handkerchiefs at

25c 35c 50c

Silk Handkerchiefs at

25c \$1.00 50c \$1.25 75c \$1.50

Silk Mullers and Towels at

\$1.50 \$3.50 \$2.00 \$4.00 \$2.50 \$5.00

\$3.00

Fancy Hosiery for Men

All the socks and all the stripes
are shown in our immense stock of
Men's Hosiery.

We know our prices are the lowest
in Fresno. We have found by our
own comparisons that the stock
selling at 25c elsewhere can be purchased here at 3 pairs for 50c, or an extra pair here for the same money you pay elsewhere.

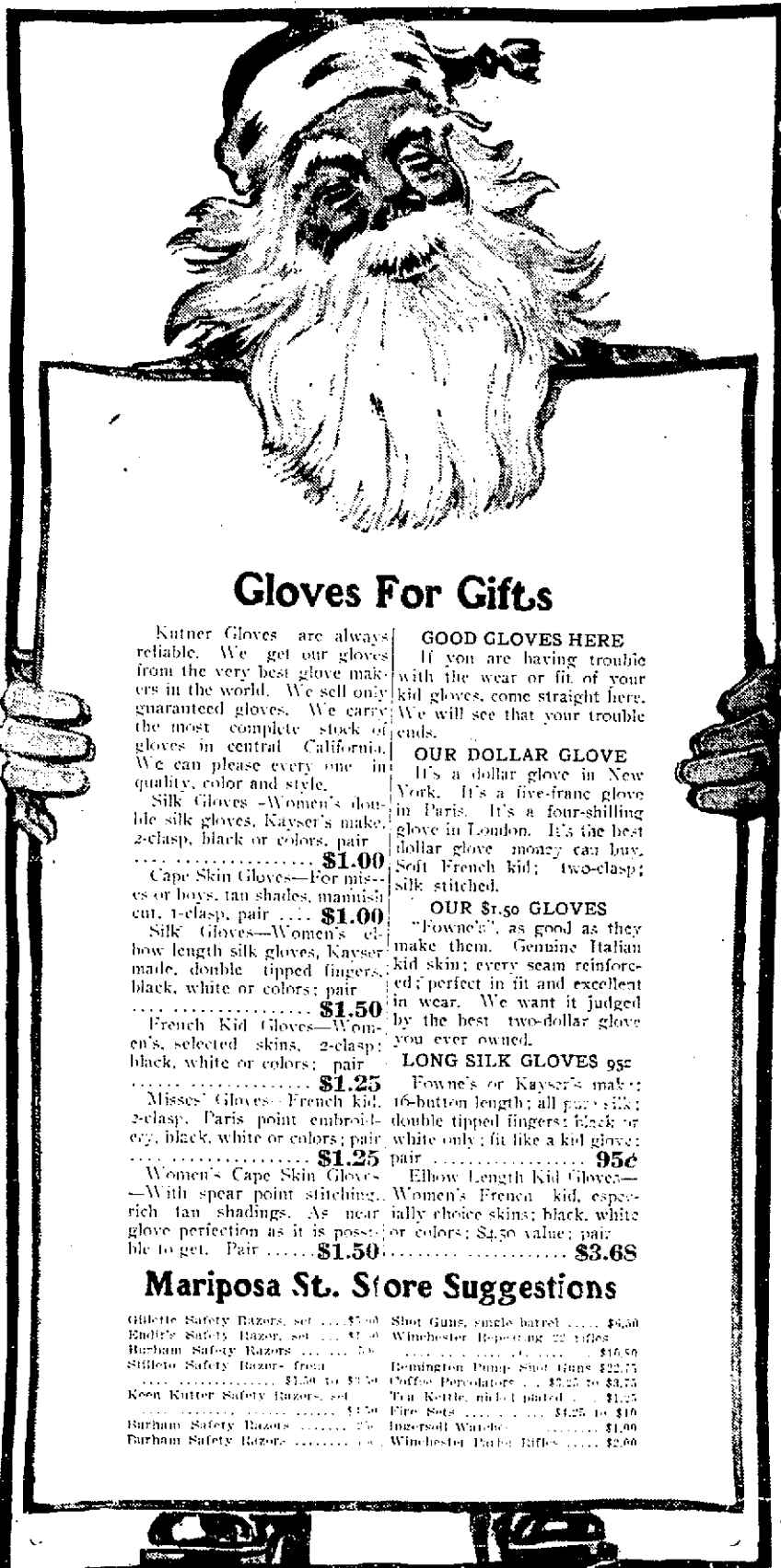
Fancy Socks at pair

12 1/2c 50c 25c \$1.00 20c 60c 35c \$1.50

BELTS IN PROFUSION

A pretty belt always makes an acceptable present. Here you will find all the latest novelties as well as the staple shapes. Our prices are from a quarter to a third less than in any of the other stores.

Elastic Belts—Latest and most stylish silk elastic in black or colors, gilt or silver buckles or in the new dip styles 50c to \$3.50

**Gloves For Gifts**

Kutner Gloves are always reliable. We get our gloves from the very best glove makers in the world. We sell only guaranteed gloves. We carry the most complete stock of gloves in central California. We can please every one in quality, color and style.

Silk Gloves—Women's double silk gloves, Kayser's make, 2-clasp, black or colors, pair

Cap Skin Gloves—For misses or boys, tan shades, manish cut, 1-clasp, pair

Silk Gloves—Women's elbow length silk gloves, Kayser's make, double tipped fingers, black, white or colors, pair

French Kid Gloves—Women's, selected skins, 2-clasp, black, white or colors, pair

Misses' Gloves—French kid, 2-clasp, Paris point embroidery, black, white or colors, pair

Women's Cape Skin Gloves—With spear point stitching, rich tan shades. As near glove perfection as it is possible to get. Pair

LONG SILK GLOVES 95c

Fowne's or Kayser's make, 16-button length; all pairs \$1.25; double tipped fingers; black or white only; fit like a kid glove; pair

Elbow Length Kid Gloves—Women's French kid, especially choice skins; black, white or colors; \$4.50 value; pair

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GOOD GLOVES HERE

If you are having trouble with the wear or fit of your kid gloves, come straight here. We will see that your trouble ends.

OUR DOLLAR GLOVE

It's a dollar glove in New York. It's a five-franc glove in Paris. It's a four-shilling glove in London. It's the best dollar glove money can buy. Soft French kid; two-clasp; silk stitched.

OUR \$1.50 GLOVES

"Fowne's", as good as they make them. Genuine Italian kid skin; every seam reinforced; perfect in fit and excellent in wear. We want it judged by the best two-dollar glove you ever owned.

LONG SILK GLOVES 95c

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Mariposa St. Store Suggestions

Gillette Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Edwin's Safety Razor, set \$1.00
Barham Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Stilleto Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Keen Cutter Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Barham Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Barham Safety Razors, set \$1.00
Winchester Repeating 22 rifles \$15.50
Remington Pump Shot Guns \$22.75
Coffee Populators \$12.25
Tin Kettle, nickel plated \$1.25
Fire Saws \$1.25 to \$1.50
Ingersoll Watches \$1.00
Winchester Pump Rifles \$2.00

Trunks, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, on Sale in the I Street Stores

TRUNKS
Canvas covered, waterproof, with cleats, iron bound; some with straps.
34 inch \$8.00
36 inch \$9.00
38 inch \$10
Brass trimmed; extra good.
34 inch \$13.50

Order by Mail
IF YOU CAN'T GET TO TOWN TO SHOP, JUST SEND US A MAIL ORDER.
1119 J St.
KUTNER GOLDSTEIN CO.
THE HOUSE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY.
Order by Phone
YOUR REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION
CALL US
PRIVATE EX. 3

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

We have an entirely new stock of these wanted articles and our prices are at least ten per cent lower than you can find in any of the other stores.

Rope Tinsel with Tinsel-Spun Bells

Assorted Ornaments, round, oval or fancy, some tinsel-covered; each

Glass Tops for Trees—Silver color, tinsel covered 25c. Others

Plain Rope Tinsel—No. 1, 25c bunch

6 yards; No. 2, 30c card 6 yards; No. 3, 35c card 6 yards; No. 4, 40c card 6 yards.

Tinsel Ball Ornaments—Assorted colors 5c each; dozen

Assorted Ornaments—Round, oval or fancy; assorted colors 6c, 10c

Assorted Tinsel Ball Ornaments—10c each; dozen

Large, Plain Balls—Round, fancy or oval; assorted colors 6c, 10c, 15c

SPECIAL SALE OF COMBS

All new designs and strictly stylish. We secured a big quantity recently at prices that permit us to make some attractive reductions.

\$2.69 for combs worth \$4.00; three large sets, surrounded by glittering brilliants; silver trimmings.

\$2.23 for handsome rhinestone set combs; silver mountings; unique patterns; combs easily worth \$2.50 to \$3.50.

45c for new back combs; very heavy shell; gold trimmings; better than the usual 50c quality.

For Baby

Pink Holder—Pretty hand-painted ribbon in pink or blue; with bone ring to hold various sized safety pins

Celluloid Ball Rattles—Hand-decorated; with teething ring; blue or pink ribbon to hang around baby's neck

Baby's Coat Hanger—Covered with pink or blue ribbon

Dainty Clothes Hanger—Hand-painted; pink or blue ribbon

Pretty Hand-painted Box—Blue or pink ribbon; with four dainty little drawers, one with hankin and ribbon; the others are for pins and trinkets

Infant's Toilet Set—Consisting of comb, brush and rattle; made of celluloid with daintily hand-painted flowers

Infant's Hot Water Bottle—Covered with a silk net-work in blue or pink

Infant's Brush and Comb Set—White celluloid with tiny sprays of hand-painted flowers

Baby's Greeting String Doll—With ribbon and bells

Hand-Painted Ribbon Box—With tiny drawers for baby's pins and trinkets; pink or blue

Elbow-down Booties—With pretty quilted ribbon and rosette; for the new baby

Tambourine Rattle Ring—Covered with ribbon and bells

Teething Ring Rattle with Nipple—Three crunched balls with little bells

Infant's Hand-crocheted Sacque—Pretty finished with silk stitching; ribbon at neck

Dainty Fashionable Slippers—Edged with fancy silk hand-embroidered pink or blue ribbon at neck

Pretty Crocheted Sacque—With fancy border of blue or pink

Boy's String Doll—Finished with ribbon and bells

Infant's Kid Moccasins—Tan, blue, pink, white, white with blue or white with pink. Sizes 6, 1, 2 and 3

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Drums From 80c to \$4.50



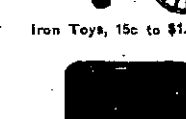
Rocking Horses, \$1.00 to \$2.50.



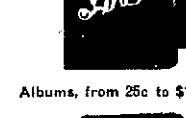
Jack Boxes, 5c to 25c.



Iron Toys, 15c to \$1.25.



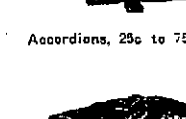
Albums, from 25c to \$1.50.



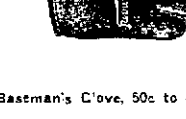
Accordions, 25c to 75c.



Baseball's Glove, 50c to \$1.25.



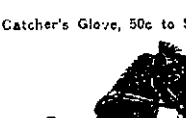
Catcher's Glove, 50c to \$1.25.



Toy Horses, 25c to \$1.50.



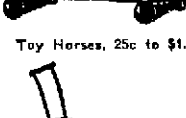
Doll Buggies, 45c to \$1.50.



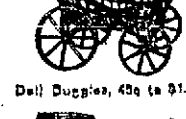
Picture Albums, 25c to \$1.50.



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A Present That Never Grows Flat, Stale and Unprofitable

Victor Talking Machine

It instructs as well as entertains, and broadens and makes cheerful those who have one in their home. It is a gift that will please many instead of one only. It is a boon to those who delight in music, but haven't time to become Paderewskis and Ysaies.

Try the New Double-Face Records

Price of Machine, \$10 to \$200
\$1 Down and \$1 a Week

Homan & Company
INC.

2043 MARIPOSA

Watches | M. SAIER | Jewelry

Christmas Presents in the Jewelry Line

What is more appropriate than Jewelry for Christmas gifts? Everybody appreciates the present if it is in this line. But make your selections at this store as we have the finest stock and our prices are the lowest.

Some Suggestions

Diamonds
Precious Stones
Silverware
Watches
Hat Pins
Bracelets
Traveling Sets
Brooches

Umbrellas, with gold and silver handles.
Watch Chains and Fobs
Rings
Mirrors
Military Brushes
Clocks
Fancy Purses
Scarf Pins
Etc.

M. SAIER

JEWELER
1917 Mariposa Street

That Christmas Gift



When making out your list do not forget to include a

**Waterman's
Ideal Fountain Pen
C. H. STAPLES**

1940 Mariposa Street

Fresno, California



MISSING TEETH RESTORED

Our bridge work restores missing teeth, without plates. It is so natural that no one knows but what they are your real teeth that nature gave you. All made painless by our own new method. We use nothing but the best material—that's why they last. All work guaranteed.

Dr. B. W. Doyle

LADY ATTENDANT
Rooms 27-28 Fluke Bldg

Mistletoe Kisses Are Waiting

For the man who looks immaculate in his cleanliness, and arrays himself in spick and span linen, laundered and rendered faultless in its beauty by our perfect methods of laundry work. For holiday festivities he prepared with the exquisite laundry work on your shirts that has made us deservedly famous.

The Hughes Laundry

R. K. FERNALD, Prop.

Tel. Main 252

SEEKS DEATH ON RAILROAD TRACKS

Drink Crazed Man Tries to End His Life.

Jumps from Bridge Into Creek; Stream Was Dry and Attempt Failed.

Crazed with drink, I. T. Garner, superintendent of the California Hy-Products Company, endeavored to commit suicide last night by allowing a Southern Pacific train to run over his body. He was frustrated in his attempt by officers Johnson and Hayes who found him lying on the railroad tracks at the junction of Belmont avenue.

The man has been drinking heavily for some time and last night announced his intention of committing suicide. His brother, Marion Garner, sought to restrain him and threw him down. Leaving him with a friend while he telephoned for the police, he returned to find him loose. He caught the insane man after a short chase and again threw him to the ground. Upon his brother's promise to be good he allowed him to rise however, and no sooner had the man been given his freedom than he sped away in the darkness. Parties passing along the Big Dry Creek, stated that he had jumped from the bridge in an endeavor to drown himself but there was no water and he failed. He was traced by the officers to the railroad tracks where he was found.

On the car coming into town, the man sought to break from the officers and leap from the car but here he was again foiled and is now lodged in the insane ward of the county jail awaiting an examination as to his sanity.

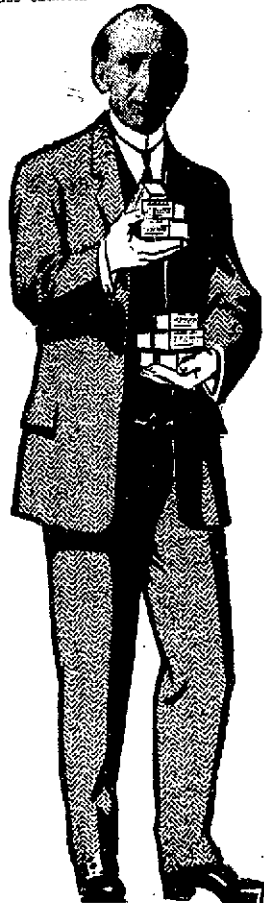
T. F. Brosnahan, local freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, was happily surprised last night when the boys of the freight house presented him with a handsome gold watch as a token of their esteem. The agent was found in his office at 5:30 and while all hands were around the presentation was made. Agent Brosnahan responded feelingly, after he had recovered from his surprise.

Free

Let Me Cure Your Catarrh

Trial Package of My Combined Treatment Mailed Free. No More K'hawking and Spitting or Foul, Sickening Breath. Send Your Name Today.

Catarrh is not only dangerous, but it causes bad breath, ulceration, death and decay of bones, loss of thinking and reasoning power, kills ambition and energy, it causes loss of appetite, indigestion, dyspepsia, raw throat and consumption. It needs attention at once. Cure it with Gauss' Catarrh Cure. It is a quick, radical permanent cure, because it rids the system of the poisonous germs that cause catarrh.



C. E. GAUSS

In order to prove to all who are suffering from this dangerous and loathsome disease that Gauss' Catarrh Cure will actually cure any case of catarrh quickly, no matter how long standing or how bad, I will send a trial package by mail free of all cost. Send us your name and address today and the treatment will be sent you by return mail. Try it! It will positively cure, so that you will be welcomed instead of shunned by your friends. C. E. GAUSS, Marshall, Mich. Fill out coupon below.

FREE

This coupon is good for one trial package of Gauss' Combined Catarrh Cure, mailed free in plain package. Simply fill in your name and address on dotted lines below and mail to:

C. E. GAUSS, 3167 Main Street, Marshall, Mich.

TRAINMAN TELLS OF DYNAMITING

P. G. Deyo Gives Description of Explosion.

Asleep When Bomb Went Off; Change from Bunk to Cot Saves Life.

P. G. Deyo, one of the trainmen on the caboose which was blown up by dynamite Friday night at Stockton, arrived in Fresno yesterday and told of the explosion.

"We arrived in Stockton shortly after eleven o'clock and after going up town for supper, I had gone to bed. I was not in the conductor's bunk as it was too cold in that end of the car. It was fortunate for me that I wasn't for I had been there. I in all probability would have been killed."

"I drew up a cot in the middle of the car near the stove and was asleep when the explosion came. Archer, the brakeman who was with me, was in the rear end of the car in one of the brakemen's bunks. Brown, the other brakeman, was up town eating supper."

"The entire head end of the caboose was blown out by the force of the explosion and the partition which I was in was blown away and was cut by some glass, but was not seriously injured."

"It is certainly evident that the dynamiting was planned for some time but whether I was the intended victim or not I do not know. I haven't a thing against any one that I know of and have had no trouble with hoboes. I think possibly it might have been some one who has a grudge against the company and who sought to destroy property by the taking of the danger to any one's life."

Conductor Deyo stated that the Stockton police had discovered several pieces of evidence bearing out the belief that the car had been dynamited and that the dynamiting was intended. It appears that the dynamite had been placed on the fore trucks of the caboose and a piece of the fuse and some paper was found.

Detective Bolton of the Santa Fe is now in Stockton making a thorough investigation of the dynamiting and is not expected to return for several days. It is not known whether any clue to the perpetrators of the crime has been found yet or not.

Though the explosion was of a very serious nature and might have ended fatally, Deyo stated last night that there was a laughable feature and this he proceeded to explain.

"I was in my pajamas and as soon as the bomb exploded, I thought my pants which were near my bunk, I found part of them sticking through the roof. The force of the explosion had sent them sailing up through the roof and I was obliged to go out in my pajamas until I could find a pair of pants."

Deyo is on the same freight run as Conductor Cason who was killed yesterday at the Sharon switch. He was supposed to leave Fresno yesterday morning as Cason left Fresno but on account of the explosion did not go to work. Cason ran to Stockton when Deyo ran to Fresno, the two passing on the road and the return trip was made the same way.

TWO SUCCESSFUL GAMBLING RAIDS

Fifteen Prisoners Landed in the County Jail—Officer Uses Disguise Effectively.

By a clever raid on two gambling joints in the Oriental quarter last night by Sergeant Thomas Coyle and a squad of patrolmen, fifteen gamblers were landed in the county jail with charges of violating the state law against them.

The first raid was made on a recently outfitted den at 1019 1/2 street, where Patrolman George Goehring, aided by a clever disguise, worked by disguising himself and entering the place undetected. He wore a large black mustache and a slouch hat pulled far down over his eyes. He presented the appearance of a laboring man, more than an officer of the law. He watched eleven men, nine of whom were white, playing chuck-a-luck, poker and shooting craps. Patrolman Correll and Sergeant Coyle were posted at different doors leading into the den, Helms, Madden and McLaren also aiding in the successful raid.

When the signal was given, Correll entered in uniform. At the sight of the approach of the blue coats, the gamblers scattered in every direction in an effort to effect an escape. As they darted through side and trap doors they ran into the arms of the waiting policemen and were hustled off to the county jail.

A wagonload of gambling paraphernalia was confiscated and taken to the city hall as evidence against the accused. This included \$7.50 in coin, newly fitted chuck-a-luck and craps tables, a poker table, cards, chips and dice.

The men arrested were: John Hayes, whom the police say is John Higgins; C. R. Baker, a trader at the poker table; J. Leake, Frank Tickle, Arthur Lovell, Joe Fitzgerald, Dan Sully, Ah Leong, V. Sanchez, Tom McMullen and Ah Wong.

A few minutes later Patrolman Goehring, still disguised, and Correll entered a joint at 1007 G street and arrested Ah Charles Wing, Charles Raugh, Ed Woods and Tom Brown, or Tom Burke, as the police say his real name. These four were taken from a poker table. Scores of lottery tickets were also confiscated. In both places the Chinese proprietor tried to force the outside door shut in the policeman's face, but the officer was too quick and darted inside before the gamblers had been warned of the impending danger. Each house was brilliantly lighted and had recently been fitted up as a gambling house.

GIVES HER BLOOD TO SAVE BETROTHED

Woman's Veins Opened By Surgeons to Supply Fresh Fluid to Asphyxiated Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.— Hoping to save the life of her betrothed, who was almost dead at the Emergency hospital as a result of gas asphyxiation, Anna Harris, an octogenarian, allowed the surgeons to transfuse blood from one of her veins to those of the man, William Mayberry. The latter's condition was improved by the operation, but his recovery is doubtful.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER HOUSE; ARRESTED

John Tatalian and Sabab Ekasoolian, Armenians, were arrested by Sheriff Chittenden and arraigned before Judge Graham yesterday morning on a charge of attempted burglary.

The defendants, who are accused of entering the home of Steven Atamian, who resides about one and one half miles west of town, with intent to commit burglary, will be given a hearing Tuesday afternoon. In the meanwhile they have been committed to jail in default of \$100 bail for each two.

Bargains
Are Real
And Genuine
It Will Pay
To Trade Here

Redlick's
INCORPORATED
BEST BY EVERY TEST

Everything
In This Store
Is Reduced
To Clear
And Less

Selling Out to Quit Business

That's the reason why these values are possible—Read this advertisement carefully and you will find every item mentioned is a genuine bargain. You will find everything we mention is a wanted seasonable article. You cannot afford to wait until the last moment before coming for these bargains. We start the selling with ample quantities but the response is sure to be heavy. So do not delay your purchasing; but come early to avoid the rush.

FOUR BIG CLOTHING BARGAINS

\$17.50 Men's Fancy Overcoats \$8.45

Fifty-six box coats in fancy and plain colors; material strictly all wool vicuña of this season's latest style; actually worth \$17.50; now **\$8.45**

\$17.50 Men's Cravenette Overcoats \$8.95

Waterproof cravenette, registered and guaranteed to give satisfaction to the wearer; a good value at \$17.50; fancy gray and black; now **\$8.95**

\$5.00 Boys' Long Overcoats \$2.95

Sizes 4 to 16; fancy chevron and cashmere, in browns and gray; a big value at \$5; now **\$2.95**

\$20.00 Men's Dress Suits \$11.85

Fancy gray worsted, blue serges, in single and double breasted styles, strictly hand-tailored. This season's latest designs; actually worth \$20.00; now **\$11.85**

All Pattern Hats, \$5.00

Worth up to \$12.00

Stunning hats, strictly hand-made velvet, felts and satins. Trimmed in large wings, drapes of velvet; large cut jet ornaments. Positively the greatest millinery offer ever known to the ladies of Fresno. Just think Pattern Hats worth \$10 and \$12; now **\$5**

More Ladies' Suits at \$15

Formerly \$35.00

These elegantly trimmed suits are wonderful values at \$15. This season's most favored materials such as broadcloths, Panamas, serges, etc.; gored and plaited skirts; long coat models; trimmings are of braid, buttons, satins and velvets; all shades. Formerly \$35 now **\$15.00**

Gloves, Corsets

\$1.50 Kid Gloves now 89c

A splendid two-clasp glove in nearly all the best shades. Formerly \$1.50, now **89c**

\$1.25 Silk Gloves 90c

Foyner's own make; double tipped black silk gloves. Formerly \$1.25, now **90c**

\$1.00 Warner's Corsets 89c

Guaranteed rust proof corsets with the attached hose supporters. Formerly \$1.00; now **89c**

Fancy Hosiery

Wonderful reductions on all ladies' fine hosiery. Make splendid Christmas gifts.

75c Silk Embroidered Hose

42c

50c Lisle Lace Hose..... **35c**

50c Plain Silk Gause..... **35c**

\$1.00 Silk Embroidered Hose

79c

35c Black or Split Sole..... **25c**

Handkerchiefs

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\$3.50 and \$4.00 values; splendid styles; while they last, per pair **\$2.39**

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All sizes up to ladies'; splendid quality.

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25c men's fancy hosiery **15c**

50c best suspenders **35c**

75c finest silk ties **40c**

50c ties to close out at 3 for **50c**

10c large handkerchiefs **5c**

50c fine silk handkerchiefs **39c**

50c fancy cuff links **35c**

\$1.50 men's silk mufflers **98c**

\$4.50 men's bath robes **\$2.85**

\$4.50 sole leather suit cases **\$4.95**

25c men's Boston garters **13c**

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\$9.00 All Wool Dress Patterns \$5.00 Taffeta Silk Waist Patterns \$3.49

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75c 38-inch English Storm Serge 59c

Comes in the best shades of blue, brown, black, etc.; a splendid suit material.

ALL TOYS MARKED LESS THAN COST

10c rag dolls; to close at **5c**
10c balls; rubber and celluloid **5c**
25c rubber dolls, animals, novelties, etc. **13c**
15c air guns; must go at **9c**
\$1.00; the well known Daisy rifle **65c**
40c toy carpet sweepers; now **19c**
40c drums; metal body; now **25c**
80c toy targets; closing out at **49c**
10c pictures; nicely framed; now **5c**
40c toy dishes; 25 pieces in set **19c**
All Pyrography material now 1-2 price.

Toilet Sets

Ethopoid, silver-mounted sets, containing brush, comb and mirror. Prices considering values cannot be equaled in Fresno. Formerly \$35, now **\$19c**

Stationery

35c Stationery 19c
Closing out one hundred boxes of writing paper and envelopes; very fine grade; formerly 35c, now **19c**

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Comes in a handsome box; the very best grade of writing paper and envelopes. Formerly 50c; now **43c**

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We handle only reliable lines of purses and bags. We can recommend them to please the most exacting person; note the reductions.

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UNITED STATES ON THE PACIFIC

How Grip Is Being Obtained Upon Affairs of the Shores of Western Ocean.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bids were invited by the navy department today for the construction of a dry dock at Pearl harbor, to be the largest in the world. This is the climax of the progress of improvements on the Pacific that will make the government a powerful factor in the future of the Orient. At the present time millions are being expended to strengthen this nation's power and influence in the Far East.

The Pearl harbor dock will accommodate two battleships at the same time, and three cruisers can be docked there, side by side. The plans for the dock contemplate two separate compartments, so that elaborate work or reconstruction can be undertaken in the inside compartment, while the other is left clear for "rush" jobs. The dock is to be almost twice as large as the largest now built. It will be 115 feet long, 130 feet between copings and 140 feet over all, with a uniform depth of 25 feet, completely enclosing the dock will be a track, on which will run a forty-ton crane.

GETTING GRIP ON PACIFIC.
The United States for several months has been quietly strengthening its grip on the Pacific. Reports of progress have been scattering. Little has been given out to indicate that anything like a general program of policy has been adopted, but it is not denied that such a plan is being worked out. Fortifications of the Philippine islands began immediately after the insurrection there was stamped out. But the numerous defenses at Subic bay and Cavite are in an advanced state. Big guns, planted in modern fortifications, command the approaches to Manila and protect the coaling stations while submarine have been dredged and harbors improved so that the largest battleships will meet with no difficulty in entering. In the expenditure to make Pearl harbor invulnerable, have been equally elaborate.

Another significant move on the part of the war department is the establishment at Port Mason of a supply depot that will be stocked with material to supply not only the army, but the navy as well.

SUBMARINES FOR COAST.
Still another significant development is to be noted in the fact that of the submarines to be added to the navy this year the stipulation is made that four of them shall be delivered on the Pacific coast. These, it is expected, will be concentrated at San Francisco, from which point they can be ordered on short notice or be carried by swift cruisers for the purpose of harbor defense.

While making all these preparations to be ready to uphold its prestige by force, if necessary, the government is proceeding along a line that is making for peace. Secretary Root is deeply interested in Far Eastern politics, and he steered a clever course. He already has asked Congress to advance two propositions. In the first place, he has introduced a resolution in the Senate, through Senator Lodge, raising the rank of the United States representative at Peking from that of minister to ambassador. The matter will be pressed vigorously, and from the temper of the committee on foreign relations the bill stands a good chance of being reported favorably.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.
With Japan the secretary of state

has taken another tack. He is desirous that the United States commission to the international exposition to be held in Tokyo in 1917 be extended. The exposition was to have been held in 1912, and the commission accordingly was appointed at the last session. When the postponement was announced, Congress decided that the commission could well be dispensed with, but Root has urged its continuance as an expression of friendship for the Japanese people.

JUDGE PASSES ON FIT OF DRESSES

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—That Judge certainly knows something about women's dresses.

Municipal Judge Walker, who is not a bachelor, received this tribute from Mrs. Victoria C. Dray, after he had decided in her favor two suits she had instituted against a ladies' tailor. Mrs. Dray wanted possession of two dresses, which she alleged were "mistaken" and \$22 damages for the "mistake."

She donned one of the suits in Judge Walker's private room, then presented herself before the court.

"That gown is an inch too long," promptly commented the judge.

Mrs. Dray refused, to retire after leaving the other.

"An inch too large in the waist," was Judge Walker's comment.

Mrs. Dray charged that the tailor declined to reduce his price in consideration of the "mistake" or to deliver the dresses undressed.

THREE CHILDREN ARE POISONED BY INSANE MOTHER, WHO SUICIDES

MONTPELIER, Idaho, Dec. 29.—Three deaths, to which a fourth may be added, are the results of a mother's deranged mind and the quick action of a deadly poison. Mrs. John Rosen, the wife of a well-to-do rancher living a few miles from this city, this morning administered strychnine to her three children, a baby of 4 and two sons aged 7 and 10 years, after dissolving the drug in wine. She then poisoned herself.

Mr. Rosen, who was in the barnyard at the time, entered the house soon afterward and discovering the condition of affairs sent the oldest boy to a neighbor for help. Death soon claimed the mother and youngest child. The father followed the son who had gone for help and found him lying in the road lifeless.

There is thought to be hope for the second son, who resisted the efforts of his mother to give him the wine and swallowed but a little of it.

Mrs. Rosen had been suffering from melancholia.

"ALIMONY DAY" IN A CHICAGO COURT

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—"Alimony Friday" has been instituted by Judge Barnes on account of a startling increase in the number of men who fail in the payment of decreed sums to their contesting wives.

"I think that my plan will prove successful," said the judge. "It is a saving of time to have motions of this kind heard on one day instead of having them scattered through the week. After a short time I expect that my entire calendar on Friday will be taken up with motions dealing with alimony."

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TAKAHIRA TALKS ON JAP AGREEMENT

No Formality Necessary to Ratify an Understanding Between Trusted Friends

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Comparing the recent joint declaration by Japan and the United States in regard to their respective policies in the Pacific to "a transaction between trusted friends," Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, in an address tonight at a Lotus club dinner given in his honor, expressed in an unmistakable way his gratification that so strong a bond of union between the two nations had been cemented.

Baron Takahira said: "When I lived in this city many years ago, I used to go to the Harlem river for fishing and I saw that the boatman always rowed hard when the tide was against him; in the same way I now see that a diplomat speaks much when his affairs are not in good shape. But, as things are now between the United States and Japan, there is nothing to warrant much speech making. I fully believe I am not mistaken when I say that our relations are in the best possible condition. I think we may say there is now nothing more to be desired in the relations of our two countries, but if the past is to serve a lesson for the future, it would be well to consider what we have to experience for these few years."

TROUBLES UNIMPORTANT.
"In these years, we have to admit we had such a terrible time in regard to our relations as we could never anticipate. No doubt, there were some undesirable incidents occurring between some people of the two countries, but they were only local affairs and in no way to be regarded as menacing to our traditional friendship. But too much importance was given to them in some quarters and even a war clamor was allowed to be raised in spite of the sincere good will existing between the two governments. But, thanks to the sincerity of the friendship existing all the time between the two governments, no serious consequences were allowed to occur that might otherwise follow such circumstances."

"I took the opportunity at a dinner given in my honor on my arrival here some months ago to declare that there is no art in our game of diplomacy. In our international transactions, I can truly repeat the same assertion and add that there is no such word as 'diplomacy' as popularly defined. The declaration of the two governments recently made by the United States and Japan in regard to their respective policies in China and the Pacific is a good example. It is simply a reaffirmation of what was understood between them years ago and there is practically nothing which was not hitherto declared between them."

NEEDS NO FORMALITY.
"It is like a transaction between trusted friends. It requires no formality to legalize the instrument. Still when such declaration was made between the governments of great moral standing like those of the United States and Japan, it undoubtedly will have an important effect which I think is already beginning to be felt in many ways; and it is my sincere desire that the people of each country will have the same mind as their own governments in trusting

that of the other and in doing so I am convinced their rights will be fully protected and their interests largely advanced to the mutual benefit of the two countries."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" WAS HER DEATH CRY

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—While a boy of her school children, whom she had just dismissed for the Christmas vacation, waved loving farewells to Miss Mabel Crandall, a teacher at Meyer's Road, the young woman stepped in front of an express train on an electric line and was instantly killed.

One arm held a bundle of Christmas gifts made by her charges. The other was raised in a gesture of affection to the little group and a laughing admonition to them to "be good" was on her lips as the car struck her. The happy farewell was never finished and the young woman died without a cry.

EIGHT-HOUR BILL PASSES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The bill providing for an eight-hour day in coal mines, which was in process of amendment, became actually a measure for a day of nine hours was finally adopted by the House of Lords this morning. It goes into effect July 1, 1907. The bill originally contained eight hours from surface to surface, but its opponents eliminated the time occupied in descending and ascending from the workings and calculation of half an hour for each. The result is that eight full hours must be spent in actual labor below ground.

IMPERIAL HONORS GRANTED AT PEKIN

PEKIN, Dec. 29.—An Imperial edict issued today grants special honors to thirty-two princes and officials. Prince Chun, president of the board of foreign affairs, is made a prince in perpetuity and the members of the grand council are given special honors.

For the first time the edicts from the throne bear the seal of the regent and the signatures of the grand councilors. This is in accordance with the regulations of the new regency.

SCHMITZ' RELATIVES GO ON HIS BONDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—J. Dinges, the cement manufacturer and capitalist, whose responsibility as a bondsman for former Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz was questioned several weeks ago by the district attorney's office, today withdrew as a surety, and the attorneys for Schmitz supplied in his stead the names of seven persons who will guarantee \$110,000 for the appearance of the former mayor upon the several indictments for bribery pending against him. The new bond is signed by John Murphy of Waterville, \$20,000; Jerry Driscoll of San Francisco, \$5,000; Edward J. Duffield of San Mateo, \$10,000; Miss Margaret Driscoll, \$5,000; Mrs. Johanna Driscoll, \$20,000; Mrs. Nellie M. Dinnan, \$20,000, and Mrs. Anna Haines, \$20,000. The majority of these are relatives of Schmitz and the others are friends.

ITALIAN SHOOT ANOTHER FISHERMAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Francisco Matala, an Italian fisherman, ran amuck in a lodging house at 51 Francisco street today and shot Manuel Angelico, another fisherman, inflicting a wound that may prove fatal. No motive for the shooting is known. Matala is said to be of an erratic disposition and subject to spells of violence.

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Nothing will be left undone that will add to the comfort, satisfaction and pleasure of our customers. Prompt, courteous attention to everybody heads the list of rules issued to our employees, so while it will be busy here, there will be no confusion or disappointment. Remember, we have boxes, twine and wrapping paper free for the asking.

China and Cut Glass

In this department you will find a large variety of useful and attractive gifts for any member of the family.

Dinnerware—A very fine assortment of dinnerware, in any combination of sets to suit purchaser **\$10 to \$30**

Chocolate Sets—Some very attractive pieces at extra low prices. **\$3.50 to \$27**

Salad Sets—Very pretty in decoration and design **\$1.00 to \$14.50**

Cake Sets—In porcelain and hand painted China **\$1.00 to \$6.50**

Cups and Saucers—Some very beautiful, cups and saucers; something always appreciated **10c to \$3.00**

Hand Painted China—We have the largest assortment of this class of goods in town at prices to suit any purse.

Cut Glass—Rich cut glass in the very latest and newest designs; punch bowls, water sets, vases, and in fact anything in cut glass, we have it.

ART NOVELTIES

Jewel Boxes: a large assortment of very pretty jewel boxes handsomely lined and attractive designs; from

..... **25c to \$2.50**

Brass—Hammered brass paper weight and ink stand in many nice figures, from **50c to \$2.00**

Candle Sticks—A great many very pretty designs at prices from **10c to \$3.00**

Tobacco Jars—A number of these handsome jars at special low prices, from **50c to \$3.75**

TOILET ARTICLES

We have a great variety of toilet articles which are always suitable for gifts. These include the very latest designs of real and imitation wood.

Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets—Three-piece sets in genuine Cocobolo, at **\$3.50**

Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets: three-piece sets in imitation ebony **\$3.50**

Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets—Three-piece sets in genuine ebony **\$4.00 to \$7.00**

Lamps and Electroliers

We have a large stock of very attractive electroliers and gas portables which we are offering at twenty per cent discount for five days only; some very handsome figures at

prices from **\$5.00 to \$35**

Lamps—We have a great variety of lamps, hand lamps, stand lamps, bracket lamps and hanging lamps, from

..... **25c to \$10**

Carving Sets and Cutlery

For a very appropriate gift and one that will please and be a reminder of the giver for years to come there is nothing like a carving set. We have them in a number of styles at reasonable prices, from

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Rogers 1847 Silverware in the most attractive patterns; vintage, satin and shell patterns.

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Keen Kutter **\$3.50**

Wards **\$4.00**

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SAN FRANCISCO MARKET REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Fruits—Fancy apples 115; common 40. Berries—Cranberries, 1250/1400. Pears—Common 50; fancy 150. Persimmons—75/100. Oranges—Navel 150/160. Mexican limes—150/160. Lemons—Common California 100/110; good to choice 110/120; fancy 120/130. Tropical fruit—Bananas 100/110; pineapples 200/250. Beans—Pink 240/250; Lima 450/470; small white 450/470; large white 350/360.

Potatoes—Early Rose 125/135; Oregon Burbanks 115/125; Salinas Burbanks 125/135; Morel Sweet 125/135. Various—Green peas 50/55; string beans 125/135; green peppers 50/55; tomatoes 75/85; summer squash nominal; winter 75/85.

Butter—Fancy creamery 32; seconds 28; fancy dairy 25; seconds 20. Cheese—New 14/15; Eastern 17; Young America 16/17.

Eggs—Ranch store 50; Eastern 50. Turkey—Live turkeys 130/140; dressed 250/260; roasters, old 400/450; roasters, young 500/550; broilers, small 550/600; broilers, large 450/500; ducks, old 400/450; ducks, young 600/650; geese, old 300/350; geese, young 400/450; pigs, old 100/125; pigs, young 200/225.

Flour—Family extra 500/520; lakes 450/475. Wheat—Shipping 162 1/2/167 1/2; milling 167 1/2/172 1/2. Barley—Feed 140/145; brewing 147 1/2/152 1/2; malt 155/160. Oats—Feed 175/180; white 165/170; black 225/230.

Middlings—Middlings 2350/2350; mixed feed 2500/2550; rolled barley 3000/3100; oatmeal 475; oat groats 475; rolled oats 3200/3450.

Hay—Wheat 1800/2200; wheat and oat 1700/2100; oat, wild 1800/2100; oat, tame 1700/2000; alfalfa 1200/1550; straw 600/650.

Receipts—Flour 6452; wheat 1320; barley 2739; oats 430; beans 426; potatoes 3445; onions 55; turn 50; middlings 180; hay 322; straw 5; hogs 265; hides 580; wine 36,400.

EASTERN QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The market for crop products is quiet with fancy quoted at 5 1/2/5 3/4; choice 7 1/2/8; prime 6 1/4/7; old crop 14 1/2/15 according to grade. Prunes are unchanged quotations ranging from 4 1/2 to 7 1/4 for crop California up to 40-50s and from 5 1/2 to 7 1/4 for Oregon 40-50s.

Apples moved steadily in small lots with choice quoted at 9 1/4/9 3/4; extra choice 10 1/2/11; fancy 11 1/2/12 1/2.

Peaches are firm with choice quoted at 7 1/4/7 1/2; extra choice 7 1/2/8; fancy 8 1/2/9 1/2. Raisins are unchanged with loose Muscatel quoted at 5 1/2/5 3/4; choice 5 1/2/5 3/4; seeded 6 1/2/6 3/4; London layers 5 1/2/5 3/4; seedless 4 1/2/5.

CHICAGO.—The market opened weak with prices 3/4 to 1/2 cent lower compared with the previous close.

Before the end of the first hour prices had declined 1/4 to 3/4 cent below the best market at the opening. Throughout the remainder of the day sentiment continued bearish and prices held around the lowest point. The market closed almost at the bottom with May 1.05 1/2/1.06 and July 97 1/2/98. Reports from Argentine stated that weather there was hot and dry, ideal conditions for harvest operations which are in full swing in that

country. The advices caused weakness in the wheat market at Liverpool which was later reflected in the local market. A further decline in corn prices here also induced considerable selling of wheat. There was no new demand for cash wheat here and no new wheat business was reported.

The corn market was again subjected to heavy selling pressure by foreign elevator interests which resulted in a further decline in prices, the low point today for May being reported at 27 1/2, which was also the bottom price for the July delivery. The market closed weak with prices a shade to 1/2 lower than the previous close with May at 27 1/2, and July at 28 1/2.

Oats were weak nearly all day. The price was easy with prices unchanged to 1/2 lower compared with the previous close. Final quotations on May were 20 1/2, and on July 22 1/2.

Provisions were quiet but firm. Prices at close were 1/2 to 1/4 higher.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Wheat steady; no trading; cash 1.62 1/2/1.67 1/2. Barley firm; May 1.15; cash 1.10/1.12 1/2.

Corn steady; large yellow 1.17 1/2/1.18 1/2.

NEW YORK.—Sugar: Raw easy; fair refining 22 1/2; centrifugal 96 test 22 1/2.

Molasses 43.02; refined steady; crushed 45.50; powdered 41.50; granulated 44.50.

ST. LOUIS.—Wool firm; territory and western medium 17 1/2/18; fine medium 15 1/2/16; fine 17 1/2/18.

CHICAGO.—Butter steady; creamery 22 1/2/23; dairies 22 1/2/23. Eggs steady; firsts 24 1/2.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There was a subsidence of the severe selling pressure in the stock market today and support seemed to be effective in sustaining prices. The demand did not prove aggressive and was backward in following any considerable advance in prices and the list weakened sharply at the end.

The publication of a reassuring statement from the president of the American Smelting and Refining company seemed to check the liquidation in that stock and its recovery relieved the market from a source of sympathetic weakness. There was a conspicuous rise in Colorado and Southern securities embracing the stocks and bonds, the latter making even more marked advance than the stocks.

This is one of the minor railroad properties which has figured most often lately in rumors pointing to absorption into one of the other of the large railroad systems. The working out of a project to cover the carrying trade from the northwest to the Gulf of Mexico is indicated in this project as well as in others involving other railroads between those regions which have also figured in similar rumors. The purchase of the property in the interest of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy was practically confirmed during the day. Foreign operators in American stocks were inclined to look for a bar effect from the expected week bank statement and they sold stocks in this market, helping in the early time of unsettlement. The American Railway association's committee reports another increase in the total of surplus cars for the half month ending December 3 amounting to 42,814, bringing the total of 175,413 up to the highest figure touched since September 2. The very general distribution of the increase in idle equipment in all sections of the country gave an unfavorable idea of the progress of the railroad traffic. The bank statement

in its details, is an illuminating exhibit of the effect of a rise in money rates on deposit with New York clearing house banks, on which they pay interest to other banks and trust companies. The reduction of over \$10,000,000 in the cash holdings of the clearing house banks, which was the cause of the advance in money rates, has been accompanied by a reduction of \$2,500,000 in the cash balances of the New York clearing house banks and that in the week that has been an unusually large amount of important new financial and engineering demand for building credits. The increase of \$1,400,000 in the funds of trust companies and other banks points to the course from which part of the new resources were secured. Presumably interbank deposits in New York clearing house banks also have placed some on their own account in New York by drawing on their New York correspondents.

Banking stocks, Total value, fair value, \$12,000,000.

United States two's regular declined 1/4 cent on call during the week.

TREASURY BALANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Today's statement of the treasury balance shows available cash balance, \$15,729,454; gold, coin and bullion, \$2,581,230; gold certificates, \$9,212,110.

THE RETAIL MARKETS

Fruits and Vegetables

Apples—6 lb. 25c. Strawberries—1 box 25c. Cauliflower—15c. Celery Root—5c. each. Garlic—2 lb. 25c.

Sweet Spuds—8 lb. 25c. Celery—10c. bunch. Fresh Tomatoes—5c. lb. Peas—10c. bunch. Mint—5c. bunch.

Dry Onions—2c. Green Onions—2 for 5c. Oyster Plant—10c. bunch. Parsnips—5c. bunch. Pineapples—30 and 35c. Local Lettuce—2 heads 5c. Spinach—24c. lb.

Turnips—24c. per bunch. Carrots—14c. per bunch. Peas—20c. lb. Radishes—2 bunches 5c. Savory—5c. bunch. String Beans—10c. lb.

Butter—5c. bunch. Lemons—20c. dozen. Oranges—25 to 30c. dozen. Bananas—20c. per dozen. Potatoes—2c. per pound. Cabbage—3c. lb. Lettuce—5c. head; 3 for 10c. Horseradish Root—25c. lb. Beets—2 bunches, 5c.

Butter, Eggs and Honey

Butter—5c. dozen straight. Butter—5c. roll. Colony Butter—5c. roll. Combined Honey—2 combs 25c.

Fresh Meats

Beefsteak—10c. to 25c. lb.; roast 10c. to 15c. lb.

Mutton—10c. to 20c. per lb. Lamb—10c. to 20c. per lb. Pork—10c. to 20c. per lb.

Veal—10c. to 20c. per lb. Lard—10c. to 15c. per lb. Dressed Stock

Steer—8 1/2c. to 7 1/2c. per lb. Veal—8c. to 7c. per lb. Chickens—Broilers, dressed, 35c. to 40c. per lb.; alive, 30c. to 35c. per lb.

Chickens—Dressed hen, 25c. to 30c. per lb.; alive 20c. to 25c. per lb. Chickens—Fryers, dressed, 35c. to 40c. per lb.; alive, 25c. to 30c. per lb.

Turkeys—Dressed, 30c. per lb.; alive, 25c. per lb. Mill Stuff

Wheat—32 cwt. 40 ton. Barley—11 1/2 to 12 1/2 sk.; 42.00 ton. Corn Meal—35c. per 10 lb. sack. Graham Meal—35c. per 10 lb. sack. Egyptian Corn—41.85 per 100. Bran—330 ton.

Flour—11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Middlings—43c. ton. Ground Alfalfa—11.25. Cracked Wheat—35c. per 10 lb. sack. Oat Meal—30c. per 10 lb. sack. Rye Meal—35c. per 10 lb. sack.

BUTTER MAY GO TO \$1 POUND IN PRICE

Chicago Manufacturers Are Not Preparing to Comply With the Law for Pasteurization.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—That the price of butter here will soar to \$1 a pound if a new ordinance prescribing it, and butter must be pasteurized to avoid is predicted by Samuel S. Smith, a dairy authority. "There are only two concerns in Chicago," he says, "that are equipped with pasteurizing plants. The others will not be able to comply with the ordinance as the first of the year and the result will be that if it is enforced there will be no butter to sell."

The outfit for pasteurizing costs about \$500. After the plant is installed the cost is little or nothing. The point is that the firms are making no move to put in the machinery."

Butter men generally are of the opinion that pasteurization will not in any way make butter better or purer, and are unwilling to spend the money for machinery to comply with a law that seems to them only the expression of a passing fad.

It is likely that the dairymen will adopt an attitude of "passive resistance" until a test case can be made.

ROOT SLATED TO RESIGN HIS OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—At the White House this evening Secretary Root, when asked regarding the report that Secretary of State Root was soon to resign, said that Root probably would tender his resignation to the president if he should be elected to the United States senate by the New York state legislature which meets on January 10th next. In the event of Mr. Root's resignation before the expiration of his term, Root said, the post of secretary of state would probably be offered to Assistant Secretary Bacon to fill out the remainder of the term. Both Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon positively declined to discuss either the early resignation report, or the rumor that Mr. Bacon would be appointed to a diplomatic mission in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

MEAT TRUST MUST STAND ITS TRIAL

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19.—The appellate court of the Third district today denied the application of the Western Meat company for a writ of prohibition restraining the Sacramento superior court from trying it on charges of conspiracy against trade.

The case against the Western Meat company, was recently convicted under the Cartwright anti-trust act on charges similar to those against the petitioner and fined \$500.

NEBRASKA BANK ROBBED OF \$3000

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers raided the State Bank of Geneva, eleven miles north of this city, early today, overpowered a boy who surprised them at work, demolished the vault, secured \$3000 and escaped.

The bank was attacked at 1:30 a. m. Clarence Hoyle, who was passing in front of the building, was seized, blindfolded and gagged. He was tied in the bank and Cashier L. Lead received his first intimation of the robbery when he found the boy this morning.

Wednesday night a bank in Chase, Chase county, was robbed. Thursday

Special Holiday Bargains

ON

BUGGIES

We will save you 33 1-3 per cent, one-third off. Think of it

As we are just receiving a big consignment of buggies, and as we must make room for them, we offer you these great, big, sacrifice values. These are actual values and we have cut the heart out of the price to sell quick, as you will readily see. Cost is no object and this is a sale where the smallest boy would be able to tell that we are giving a bona fide bargain sale. Don't miss it.

These goods are all new and painted in the best colors. They all have the best improvements and are built for wear. Come quick as they will go fast.

UNTIL SOLD WE OFFER

1 \$90 Runabout, now	\$65.00
3 \$125 Top Buggies, now	\$87.50
1 \$210 Rubber Tire Surrey, now	\$155.00
1 \$185 Steel tire Surrey, now	\$135.00
2 \$135 Surreys, now	\$110.00
1 \$110 Runabout, now	\$85.00
1 \$225 Phaeton, now	\$165.00
1 \$165 Stick Seat Surrey, now	\$120.00

We personally guarantee all of the above goods.

ALSO STUDEBAKER BUGGIES

\$125 Top Buggy, now	\$87.50
\$100 Top Buggy, now	\$66.50
\$85.00 Spring Wagon	\$63.50

ALSO SPECIAL PRICES ON WINTER ROBES

CAPITOL CARRIAGE CO.

1226-36 J STREET

Order Your Mince Pies and Fancy Cakes from Us

Butter-Nut Bread

Is made from the best materials and Has No Equal. Ask for it at your grocery or order from our wagons.

Makers of Good Things to Eat

MODEL BAKERY

2037 FRESNO STREET

PHONE MAIN 794



I Wish to Thank All My Customers and Friends

For attending and making such liberal purchases during my sale, which concluded last night. The sale was a roaring success and far beyond my expectations. The people of Fresno City and County will attend a legitimate sale when a reliable firm like BEN EPSTEIN advertises such a sale.

Now I am not going out of business, but will go at it stronger than ever, as new goods will reign throughout in my store, as the sale left me but very little on hand. The suits remaining at present will go at Sale Prices until December 31, 1908.

Every customer who bought during the sale was more than satisfied, otherwise his money was gladly refunded.

Again thanking one and all, and hoping to see you in my store often as a regular customer.

1910 Mariposa St.

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SOME HOLIDAY DULLNESS AND TRADES IN REALTY

**Christmas and Cold Weather Have Effect But
Some Big Selling Done—City
Property Active.**

Holiday dullness has been frankly felt in real estate trading in the past week, and will probably continue through the coming week, according to the consensus of opinion among the dealers. However, a number of firms have done a good business, and in some quarters an increase in business is noted. The bulk of money extended for realty is coming from the outside, the condition of the market being ascribed as a reason for the comparative scarcity of apparent scarcity of money among people who have own hands in this county. The weeks following the holidays are expected to show a very great improvement in real estate conditions.

The weather for the week past has been another factor in the market, which has had the effect of suspending the actual selling of lands, as a great many prospective buyers have not wished to go out in the cold to look over the tracts which they are thinking of buying. In this way, while money has come in as usual, in some quarters, the cold weather has inhibited the closing of a good number of actual sales, which might have been closed under different circumstances. In the opinion of the dealers, CITY PROPERTY PREFERRED.

A new development of the situation is the marked demand for city property as preferred in country property, and a greater proportion of sales in city property than is usual. An active demand for city properties is reported among almost all of the men who are getting business, and in greater ratio to the demand for country property than they usually find.

Charles Teague of Shepherd & Teague stated yesterday that the office of work of Eastern agents, which have been out for the past five or six months from some Los Angeles offices, is just now beginning to show, and forms one of the new features of the real estate situation both here and in other sections. The agents work personally in the parts of the East where the farmers are likely to go outside their own locality to seek homes, and a good deal of business is being done for California in this way, no small part of it being now diverted to Fresno by Los Angeles offices of local firms.

\$70,000 IN CLOVIS LAND.
For a brief period just past, the Los Angeles office of Shepherd & Teague has done \$70,000 worth of business in lands lying north of Clovis. This is the most considerable amount of business reported in the real estate line for some time. This work was done through the sub-agents in the East, for the most part.

"Our Los Angeles office," said Mr. Teague, "reports an eagerness in the East for people to get some interest here with a view to coming in to make their future homes here, and the energetic efforts made by solicitors in the East result in a great amount of business being done."

GET RESULTS IN EAST.
"I believe operators can get better

results in the East than they have

because under the people are taking

before they start from the East about

some definite place, they mean all

over the state, and it is by no means

certain that the agent who starts them

keeps the sale.

"There is a great demand for city

property in Fresno now which is hard

to meet. There is hardly a vacant

house in the town, and the better

classes of families are afraid to come

here on account of the scarcity of

suitable dwellings.

"In the past week we have sold

twenty acres to L. C. Henner of Los

Angeles, thirty acres to Ralph O'Hara

of New Orleans, twenty acres to W. C.

Stone of Spokane, and twenty acres

to W. C. Hussey of Los Angeles. We

have also sold town lots in Fresno

to three parties.

"We are having quite a number of

inquiries for city properties, but

owners are hanging on, apparently in

expectation of making a good thing

of their holdings."

This firm also mentions a demand

for store room which is imperfectly

filled by the facilities in town. In

fact, it is next to impossible to get

any store room in Fresno at present.

FRESNO HOMES SOLD.

More trading in city property has

been done by Huber Brothers in the

past two weeks. They have sold a

colony on Fisher street to Mrs.

Charles E. Keen, four lots on Nielsen

avenue near L. street to Mrs. A. E.

Marshall, and a residence on Merced

street to Mrs. Alice Leach.

Besides the city property these peo-

ple have sold a number of places in

the outlying districts: twenty acres

in Floyd colony to Frank R. Austin,

ten acres in T. 15, R. 13, to George

Hart, and a half section near Mendota

to J. E. Farnham.

"The bulk of this was bought with

outside money," said Mr. Huber, in

commenting on the nature of the pur-

chases. "A good deal of outside

money is now coming in here, and

things will be still different when the

growers of this section get their money

from their raisins."

RESIDENCE CONTEMPLATED.

Another firm which has done some

trading in the past week is Pearson's.

They have sold a number of places

in the city, and also a number of

places in the outlying districts. The

firm is getting better and that

some buying is going on.

CALL FOR SUBURBAN LOTS.

The K. C. McDonald company, through

W. M. McDonald, who handles

the real estate part of the business,

has to say, "Our citizens finally have

learned that subdivision of our small

tracts into city lots is as essential as

was the subdividing of quarter sec-

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F. H. S. '06 CLASS PLANS A REUNION

For the first time since the date of their graduation, the members of the class of 1906 of Fresno High school, plan a reunion. They will meet at the home of A. S. Hays, 233 Forthright avenue, on the 22nd of this month, next Wednesday.

The reunion has been planned for some time. It is desired that the members of the class in their costumes and in as many ways as possible should imitate the foresters made for them in the class yearbook, published at the time of their graduation.

The secretary of the class has found a good deal of difficulty in locating its members, which have scattered all over the country, but it is expected that all will be present. The affair is in the nature of a spontaneous reunion, and no invitations are out, nor formal notice given.

JEWELS WORTH \$4000 'STOLEN
CHICAGO, Dec. 19. Jewels valued at \$4000 have been stolen from apartments of Mrs. Florence S. Scott. The police have tried to suppress the news. Mrs. Scott was dining with friends when the thief climbed a fire escape and forced a rear window.

SUICIDES BEFORE MIRROR.
JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 19.—Standing before a mirror in the bath room of his apartment here today, Col. Henry B. Marchbank, 63 years of age, a prominent stock broker, sent a bullet through his brain. He died in his sister's arms thirty minutes later. Marchbank left a note to his sister, ascribing his action to ill health.

YOUNG ARMENIAN PRONOUNCED SANE

**Father's Desire for Revenge
Receives Big Setback.**
**Brother-in-Law Who Swore
to Charge Must Stand
All Costs.**

Armenag Choshodian, the young Armenian who was arrested Friday night by deputies Whitting and Akers of the sheriff's office on a charge of insanity sworn to by M. Hallam, a brother-in-law, at the instance of the father, was released from custody yesterday and pronounced perfectly sane.

The trouble arose over a quarrel at home, during which Armenag shot a hard right to his father's face and put him out for the count. The father had been causing trouble for some time and the son finally put a stop to it in this manner.

Realizing that he had been whipped in a fair fight with several referees, the father insisted to town and sought to have his son arrested for assault, alleging that he had used a butcher knife. Failing in this he went to M. Hallam, his brother-in-law, and asked him to swear out a warrant for insanity against Armenag. This Hallam did, and as a result he will be obliged to stand the costs of the hearing, \$21.70.

Dr. Cowan and Hawks examined the young man yesterday morning before Judge Austin and declared him sane, much to the discomfiture of the elder Choshodian.

The trouble has not been of recent duration, but of long standing. The Choshodians formerly lived in Boston, but left for Fresno because of the treatment which they received at the hands of their father and husband. The father bought a piece of land on Railroad avenue just outside the city limits and although not very well off, the family was in comfortable circumstances. The father seeing that his family was comfortably situated promptly made his way to Fresno and entered the house.

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The boys did not want to throw him out and yet hated to see him about, and the mother was in accord with the sons. Scarcely had the father stepped across the threshold on his way from the East when he began to make trouble. The trouble culminated several nights ago in the melee which has just been described.

According to the testimony of the remainder of the family, who were at the hearing yesterday, Armenag had an open pocket knife at the time he assaulted his father, but did not have it for use on him. It was stated that he had no butcher knife whatever.

ORANGE MARKET IS SHOWING STRENGTH

Demand Good; Supply Short—Fears Ex-
tended That Frost May
Damage.

One of the best markets in the United States and one of the few which is showing any strength at present, is oranges. This fruit is in demand for the holiday trade locally, while the Christmas demand in the East keeps the market still there. Prices are on the rise, and reports of weather conditions which may not help the fruit now on the trees seems to be having a strengthening influence.

Some anxiety is being shown by local orange owners as to their fruit in the foothills. The changes in some of the foothill sections east of here are pretty well picked out, but in other places they have hardly been touched, while in the south part of the state they are practically all on the trees now. It is believed that frost injured lemons in Southern California.

Advises from the foothills are being awaited here. It is not believed that any damage had been done up to yesterday in this part of California, if anywhere, but the orange men say that there is no telling how long the present conditions will keep up, and that hard dry frosts may yet be experienced which will affect the fruit now on the trees, shortening still more an already short crop.

With things good in the East, the local market is showing normal for the season, the fruit selling according to the figures of one dealer given yesterday, at from \$2.25 to \$3.00.

The shortage of the crop is assigned as the principal cause for the good prices and the unsatisfied demand for the fruit, which are making it one of the best articles on the whole list. A 20 per cent crop is estimated as covering about the output of the whole state, and the demand for the fruit is almost if not quite up to that of any season, it is stated.

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Christmas Presents FOR MEN

Bath Robes and Sweater Coats
Reefers, Way's Mufflers, silk and linen initial Handkerchiefs, colored Handkerchiefs, silk Hosiery, Suspenders, Dent's Gloves, E. and W. Collars, fancy Vests, Neckwear, in all the latest colors, Shirts, Underwear, Umbrellas, Suit Cases and Grips.

Hats in all styles and colors genuine Stetsons.

NYMAN LEVY

Exclusive Men's Furnisher and Hatter
1936 Mariposa Street. Grand Central Hotel Bldg.

LEON HART, Manager

Branch 1327 Fillmore Street, San Francisco

Port Costa Flour

Look again at the beautiful Birdseye Maple Dresser in Parker Lyon's window. The greatest number of coupons takes this dresser, December 24, 1908. Take your coupons to T. I. Hammond, Tulare street, where you will receive receipt for same.

PORT COSTA—The Flour for you, the Whole Year Through

F. E. M. CIGARS

Quality 10c, Price 5c. F. E. McCLAIN, Manufacturer.

PINE BLOCKS

Not shavings, small pieces or chips, but good solid blocks that make good fuel. You get a big full load of these blocks at our yard for \$3.50.

DORSEY-ROBINSON CO.

Yard H and Stanislaus St. Phones Main 49 and 80.

SOCIETY



Miss Victoria Cutten, a holiday visitor, and Miss Jessie Patton, who entertained for her last night.

"Don't be in a hurry, for there's no time to lose."—It was the wise word of a French surgeon to his class with a difficult operation before them, requiring steadiness, coolness and quick, wise action; the nervous rush of our modern life hinders execution, cuts us off from the coolness of brain and quickness of heart which are needed to bring things to pass in the best and quickest way.

In the rush of the holiday season the foregoing suggestion may not seem for the "rush" feeling is in the air. Do you want to see your bosom friend who has gone into strictest seclusion for the last few weeks? Just join the Christmas shopping carnival and you will meet her at every turn of the street. You are also quite likely to meet friends of past years whom, in the busy whirl, you had forgotten; and when you begin to apologize for your apparent neglect, they will explain (quick to your discomfiture) that they have been abroad, or are living about the bay, or in some other out of the way place.

You must them all—the tots that have grown into school boys and girls; the little girl with the Sis Hopkins braids that has bloomed into a fascinating young maid since last year, and the fathers and mothers who have a few more gray hairs than of yore. But the smiles of good cheer hide the lines of care, for Santa Claus still lingers, though every other delusion should fade away and die. He is the one who wears the red and green of the holly—those colors of perpetual youth.

Even old Mr. Serrano is around trying to change that habitual "grouchy" expression into a smile befitting the season, and really succeeds very well. And so we all smile and smile at each other and pass around the pleasant word and merry joke, all hearts rejoicing in spite of themselves at the coming of the Yuletide.

What glorious weather for it, too!—cold, brisk, clear, and bright, that quickens the blood and reminds one of polar things, of fir trees and the fairy tales of Grimm and Hans Andersen, who have done so much to immortalize dear old Christmas. Kringle, the elf from the North Pole, is in him, and if any one thinks we do, let him take a peep through our Christmas wreath on our window on Christmas eve and watch us hang up our stockings.

The chief excitement socially is the daily arrival of holiday visitors from different parts of the state. There are to be a number of happy family reunions, as each arriving train brings legions of holiday visitors to join in Fresno's celebration.

No important social dates loom up conspicuously on the social horizon of the week except the dance to be given by "The Rustics" at Lone Star hall on Tuesday night.

A number of the young people from town are to join the country set in this jollification, several interesting parties having been arranged for the evening.

The college boys and girls will of course enjoy some informal frolics, as they always do, for there are several charming visitors to be honored.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Maupin have as their guests for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Maxwell and their three children, who arrived from Oakland yesterday morning.

Miss Leavelle Swift arrived home yesterday for the holidays from Los Angeles, bringing with her Miss Olive Schram of Seattle, a classmate at Huntington Hall. Miss Schram belongs to one of Seattle's wealthiest and most exclusive families and is an extremely interesting and accomplished girl. She has brilliant attainments as a pianist and is otherwise most gifted.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Huffman have as holiday visitors their two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Louis King of San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. William Terrill of Oakland and Master Milton Terrill. Mr. Terrill stopped off at Los Baños for some shooting, but will join the family gathering within a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. Cory expect to move into their own home this week, enjoying Christmas day there with their family. For the past three months they have been occupying Mrs. Harvey McLaughlin's house on North I street, while their own was being remodeled. The changes in their old home have been so extensive that it has every appearance of a new house and is exceedingly artistic and modern in its appointments.

Among the very charming little booklets to be found in the collections that fill the local book stores is one by a budding local author, Myrtle Edith Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrell of this city. The booklet bears the cover title, "The Art of Living," and was arranged from a paper of this name which Miss Harrell had written for her club during the past year. She is a writer has been

remarked upon among her immediate circle of friends and club associates who know her talents, and one of her friends took it upon herself to have the booklets made from the paper with the result that a very charming Christmas thought has been put into the hands of some appreciative purchasers entirely unknown to the author herself.

The booklet shows a very delightful development of an extremely beautiful thought originally and tersely expressed in a graceful, readable style, and Miss Harrell's friends hope that this may be the beginning of what would surely be a career quite worth while should she elect to continue in her writing. Few amateurs possess such evidences of ability and originality of thought.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elder have sent out invitations to a number of their friends for their golden wedding anniversary, which will be celebrated on December 23rd at the Elder home on Poplar avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Elder are pioneers of this country, having come here from the South about thirty years ago, and they have a wide circle of friends who will be deeply interested in the coming wedding anniversary. Several relatives from other states will be present for the event.

Mrs. P. J. Connelly of Dos Palos has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Mattingly, for a few days while doing some Christmas shopping and will return home for Christmas.

Philadelphia society has inaugurated a new form of entertainment, as the following news item will relate: "A divorce party is the latest. A large number of friends of Anna Sweeney of 829 Greenwich street, who until last Monday was Mrs. Peter A. Pascale, gathered at her home last night to congratulate her on her ill-fated divorce. The party was a success. The guests were engaged, and dancing and card games were conspicuous features. Miss Sweeney and Pascale were married two years ago."

At the Mattel vineyard yesterday Mrs. Mattel entertained very charmingly at luncheon in honor of her two attractive young daughters, Misses Anne and Theo Mattel, who have arrived from Mills College to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents. This hospitable country home has been the scene of any number of pleasant functions for Mrs. Mattel's friends and those of her young people. The luncheon table yesterday was very lovely in its decorations of poinsettia blossoms, holly and red satin ribbons. It was arranged in T shape and places were marked with artistic holly place cards, covers being laid for nineteen. After luncheon there were impromptu music and dancing. Those who were present at this delightful affair were Misses Mabel and Rene Dalton, Violet and Eleanor Houlkkin, Jennie Wislon, Constance Beveridge, Helen Rogers, Julia Edly, Jennie Durr, Belle Harris, Eva McTurg, Edith Hagg, Marjorie Norris, Muriel Whitman, Violet Gower, Florence Fisher and Miss Turtman.

Miss Cecil Osburn, a teacher in the public schools will leave this week for San Jose to spend the Christmas holidays. She will be accompanied home by Miss Sadie and Wilhelmina Burleigh and Meri Burleigh, who will visit at her home in San Jose.

A number of Fresno students at the State Normal school in San Jose are at home for the holidays, among the number being Miss Fannie Hickman, Miss Clara Malcolm and Miss Ora Traves, who arrived on Friday night. The latter was met at the train by about two dozen of her friends, the entire party being taken by automobile to the Traves home on I street for a mid-night supper and jollification. This congenial little group of friends have not met together so pleasantly, this winter and the occasion was indeed a merry one.

At the Burness home on the Anita vineyard yesterday there was a jolly Christmas party given for the little folks in the Burness family, Anita Ian and Renny Burness. From all about the country side and from town besides the guests gathered to enjoy the pleasures which this hospitable home always has to offer its guests whether young or old. There were all kinds of jolly Christmas games for the little folks, who later sat down to a feast of holiday goodies at the big table in the dining room glittering with Christmas ornaments and laden with good things. Christmas cards marked the places. Those who enjoyed this frolic included Billie and Annie Beveridge, Ada and Elizabeth Beveridge, Elizabeth Davis, Jessie Dalton, Amy and Alfred Way, Dick Forsyth, Austin Gray, John and Helen Gray, Allen MacFarland, William and Margaret Davidson, Guy and Nell Miller, Anita, Ian and Renny Burness.

Misses Lucille and Hazel Hogue are at home from Berkeley, where they are

attend the State university and will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hogue.

Owing to heavy snows in the mountains, the supply of Christmas trees which the ladies of the Singers guild offered for sale in A. J. Hudson's catalogue will not arrive in Fresno until tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Bennett, who is in charge of the sale for the guild's benefit, has given the taking of orders into the hands of Miss Iva Dickinson, who is aiding the ladies in their good work in this manner.

News from the Henry Gundelfinger, who are enjoying a year's travel abroad, comes from Florence. They spent several months in Paris recently. Mrs. Gundelfinger doing some musical study with Harold Bauer, the eminent pianist and teacher. After a few weeks in Italy they expect to go to Germany to spend the holidays with Mr. Gundelfinger's family. They will probably not arrive in California before spring.

Miss Victoria Cutten of San Jose, who is the guest of Miss Emma Ghies during Christmas week, was one of the invited guests at a jolly jolly-to rule last night out to the country home of Miss Jessie Patton. Arriving at the Patton home the young people sat down to a delicious hot supper and after an hour or two of merry-making within doors returned to town. In the party with Miss Cutten were Misses Lela Braumoff, Fannie Hickman, Clara Malcolm, Emma Ghies, Fern Vaughn, Abbie Telfer, Messrs. Clifford Nixon, Mayden Jones, August Schugard, Robert Peterson, Archie Jack, Ned Prescott, Jim Cassell, Mr. Stant.

In Einstein hall yesterday afternoon the juvenile piano class of Miss M. Jennie Knowles gave a most enjoyable recital. The little folks performed with much credit to themselves and their teacher and there was a goodly gathering of interested parents and friends to hear them. After the recital Miss Knowles announced that some of her older pupils would entertain the audience and so they were favored with a concert solo from Mrs. G. L. Warlow and Miss Harriet McNeil and piano solo from Miss Rowena McNeil, Miss Zoe Redden and Miss Edith Hayden.

The program for the afternoon was as follows: Piano Duet, "The Witches' Flight" (Russell); Laverne Lowe and Miss Knowles Piano Solo, "The Curious Story" (Bernice Gilpin); Piano Solo, "Bagatelle" (Baumfeld); Piano Solo, "The May Belle Ringer" (Sikwert); Myrtle Warren Piano Solo, "Warblings at Eve" (Richardson); Helen Webb Piano Solo, (a) "Do-Re-Mi" (b) "Hide and Seek" (Lauder); Laverne Lowe Piano Solo, "Welcome" (Ganschels); Piano Duet, "Silver Bells" (Weyts); Irene McSwain and Miss Knowles Piano Solo, "Robin Hood" (Remell); Piano Solo, "Knicker" (Evelyn Storgill); Piano Solo, "Knicker" (Espanol); Piano Duet, "Sad and Gay" (Enck-Hausen); Olga Javanovich and Miss Knowles Piano Solo, "Cecilia" (Verna Webb); Piano Solo, "Summer Glee" (Laverne Lowe); Piano Solo, "Rosemary" (Webb); Ellen Anderson Duet, (a) "First Duet" (b) "Trudging Onward" (Landon); Laverne Lowe and Miss Knowles Piano Solo, "Merry Games" (Fraser); Olga Javanovich Piano Solo, "Robin's Lullaby" (Krogmann); Alice Cochran Piano Solo, "Chansonette" (D'Amour, von-Bloom); Lucille Cartwright Duet, "Intermezzo" (Mascagni); Ellen Anderson and Laverne Lowe Piano Solo, "Rustle Bells" (Kaiser); Irene McSwain Piano Solo, "Con a More" (Beaumont); Minnie Wallace Piano Solo, "Valse" (Durand); Laverne Lowe Piano Solo, "Serenade Opusette" (Reard); Vera Jones.

Miss Ruth Goodman, who with her parents leaves Fresno shortly to live in San Francisco, has been the inspiration for several delightful parties given by her school girl friends. Nothing more delightfully complimentary has been planned for this popular girl than the affair which Miss Dorothea Burdick and Miss Beulah Miller gave yesterday at the Burdick home on P street.

The rooms were gaily decked in pennants of all sizes and colors. There were college pennants and high school pennants and pennants bearing fraternity emblems mingling in a riotous mass of color. The living room was entirely in the high school colors. The guests were entertained at "500." Miss Minnie Hodge won the first prize and Miss Anna Tupper, the consolation, the guest of honor receiving an especial guest prize. Buffet refreshments were served at the close of the party. Those who were asked to share

in the joys of this occasion with the honored guest were Misses Milla Coughlin, Mable Hodge, Frances Pierce, Pearl Brooks, Margaret Cory, Hazel Cartwright, Bernice Coney, Helen and Alice Miller, Doris Zieske, Dorothy Noble, Eleanor Webster, Louisa Willis, Hazel Fisher and Susie Cooper.

Miss Fannie Hickman presided yesterday at an informal luncheon at which the guests were with several exceptions fellow students at the State Normal in San Jose. Seated at table with the hostess were Miss Lela Braumoff, Miss Alma Mable and Jessie Stoen, all of Exeter, Victoria Cutten of Fresno, Miss Jose, Gertrude Drew, Emma Glass, Fern Vaughn.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to discuss some important matters in connection with the filling up of the newly-finished basement room.

Master Harold Kamp celebrated his 13th birthday anniversary very pleasantly yesterday afternoon at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kamp of 242 I street. There were numerous games and contests which entertained the young people most delightfully. Maurice Koplan won the prize in a neck tie contest and Maurice Schwartz received the prize for pinning on Master Brown's neck tie in the proper place, Leon Gieselman receiving the consolation prize. The table where the birthday feast was spread was a beautiful sight in its decorations of autumn leaves and suflax. Its centerpiece being a handsome birthday cake, alight with thirteen twinkling tapers. The young host received some pretty gifts, among them being a handsome gold watch and chain from his parents. Assisting Mrs. Kamp in entertaining the young people were Mrs. H. Radin, Mrs. Leo Stock, Miss Dale Stock and Vernon Stock.

The guests included: Irma Johnson, Donald McKenzie, Doris Shaver, Marjorie Guard, Isabel and Helen Baum, William Radin, James Leiden, Edwin Gundelfinger, Jesse Epstein, James Bonnar, Reinhold Cederbaum, Evelyn Sommerville, Marsus Radin, Walt Henderson, Frederick Twining, Maurice Koplan, Murry Koplan, Phil and Robert Zimmerman, Herbert Jones, Leon Gieselman, Charles Hobbs, Viola and Dave Kamp, Dorothy Forsey, Gertrude Solomon, Nadine Madsen, Florence Adair, Mary Thomas.

Mrs. Ruth Woodworth of San Francisco and her young daughter, Miss Evelyn Woodworth, arrived yesterday afternoon for a holiday visit with General and Mrs. M. W. Muller.

Ernest and Irwin Alexander celebrated their sixth birthday on Friday in very pleasant fashion. Those present were: Elmo Chapman, Milla Sanborn, Tommie Dodge, Albert Mitchell, Ruby Stineham, Virginia Robinson, Cecil Hogue, Willie Sanborn, Phyllis Akers, Genevieve Stineham, George Stineham, Lee Alexander, Homer Gillespie, Claudine Gillespie, Raymond Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo West were pleasantly reunited at their twentieth wedding anniversary on Friday evening by a party of their friends from the Merry Progressive card club and the Tule Embroidery club. The surprises journeyed to their home in a body and after an evening of delightful sociability sat down to a jolly tumbler supper. The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. West with a handsome set of handland china.

Miss Kate Johnson arrived yesterday from San Jose, where she attended the State Normal, to spend the holidays with her parents at Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lathby of West Park are expecting as holiday visitors, Mr. Lathby's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. McLehan of Pasadena.

Misses Gertrude and Isabel Rowell of San Jose are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Rowell.

An event which society is looking forward to with a tremendous amount of interest is the appearance of Madame Lillian Nordica on the evening of January 4th at the Barton opera house. No attraction of the holiday season could possibly be greeted with such enthusiasm as the coming of this renowned singer.

In San Francisco recently Madame Nordica appeared at the St. Francis hotel under the patronage of the exclusive Musical and Arts society, just before the season's fashion show. It was one of the season's smartest functions, as indeed all the Nordica concerts have been. Fresno society is (Continued on Page 17)



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WHEELER TELLS OF PACIFIC PROBLEMS

Western Ocean to Be Theater of Activity.

U. S. Should Be on Friendly

Terms With People Across the Water.

In discussing the Pacific, president of the University of California, spoke before the Pacific Improvement club last night on "International Politics in Terms of the Pacific Ocean." He showed that the development of history the Pacific ocean has come to be central in the affairs of the world, and that the two elements, Occidentalism and Orientalism, which in the beginning of history dealt with each other by the overland routes between Asia and Europe, now face each other on either side of the Pacific. The Pacific is the forum in which the two world halves are to come together. He reviewed the events of the last ten years, showing how Russia in 1904 took the place of England as the best friend of China, and was succeeded by Japan after the Russian-Japanese war, and now the United States has come into the position of China's most trusted ally. The presence of the United States in the Pacific after the occupation of Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines gave it a place at Peking during the Boxer revolution. It there assumed England's policy, England

being encumbered by the Boxer war, and stood for the open door, which was established by Hay's circular notes. They have been the result of the country position at that time to prevent Russia from obtaining a permanent position in Manchuria by right of war. He believed that the powers were present in Peking only to preserve order and that a state of war did not exist.

The troubles with Japan, due to too rapid immigration or coolies into the United States has been at last effectually dealt with through the administration of the passport, preventing wholesale immigration and possible trouble with Japan was averted.

"There has come to be a set of questions which are peculiarly Pacific questions," said President Wheeler, "and surround the whole rim of the ocean. It is best for us to be on terms of friendly intercourse with the people across the water, but the wholesale adventure of the two contrasted elements in the same territory is not to be thought of. Our international policy should steadily lead us into the strongest friendly relations with China. The great problems of the next century deal with the assimilation of the two great world halves, which are now to meet on the Pacific ocean."

President Wheeler spent last night in Fresno and today he will visit the Kearney estate, taking lunch with Manager Friselle.

SOCIETY

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preparing similarly to welcome this peerless artist, whose musical fame is the talk of the continent.

Mabel Vassallo, her interesting book called "Stars of the Opera" devotes several chapters to Madame Nordica and her wonderful career. A particularly interesting portion of an interview with the singer relates her experience with Madame Cosima Wagner, wife of the immortal composer. Madame Nordica spent three months with her and created the role of Elsa in Lohengrin when it was sung for the first time at the Bayreuth festival. "A remarkable honor this was indeed," to be the first Elsa in Wagner's own temple, under the guidance of his own wife, with the grave of the composer fairly in sight, and memories of the "Mad King" on all sides—the king whose ears were deaf to the functions of state, but open to the art of music.

Another role in which Madame Nordica has attained fame is beside the great love tragedy in music of "Tristram and Isolde." Added to musical ability and a voice of rare beauty is an American born and bred and her real name was Lillian Norton until she Italianized it into Nordica. Her career until she reached fame on the grand opera stage was one series of struggles and disappointments. But her unswerving perseverance and capacity for work gained her the place which she holds today.

Fresno is more than fortunate in hearing Madame Nordica. Don Pardee Higgs, who is local manager for Madame Nordica, has had an enormous demand for seats, a number of people planning to give them as Christmas gifts. Everything points to a brilliant audience of Fresno's most fashionable and cultured people, when this magnetic singer makes her first bow to her audience here. Box and loge parties are to be in order, a number having already been spoken for.

Mrs. Fred Bories of Seattle arrived on last night's Owl to spend several months with her sister, Mrs. Leo Stock.

Misses Mable Dalton and Violet Hodgkin are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodgkin on the Mattel vineyard. Last evening Mrs. Hodgkin entertained a few young people informally for her visitors in her cosy bungalow home.

Miss Lulu Markley returned on the Owl last night from her studies at the State university and will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Markley.

The active girls of the Lambda Theta Phi sorority are planning to do a very worthy bit of charity work the day before Christmas, when they give their annual dinner for several dozen little folks to whom turkey and Christmas good things are an unknown quantity. This merry band of charming young maids instead of planning something more festive are have an unselfish thought for their less fortunate little friends whose Christmas would be dreary indeed without the loving kindness that prompts this generous act.

The chronicler of things social has received the following communication from a society woman, which is herewith published:

Invitations are out for the holiday dances and the hosts are looking forward to the time of their lives. How are you going to this dance? In your own little "cubby," with your own little pump, by your own little self, because it's too much trouble to take the little girl across the way? "She can get there as best she may." Boys have done this same way before. Why should I change? Because the manliness in you is now blossoming into bravery and true nobility, that should not see your little sister, or any other boy's sister go home in the dark by herself, not and around as a wall flower. Not so. In days of old, when knights were bold, be a young Lochinvar and teach some of these "faint hearts" the way to win the fair lady. You know each one wishes the girls to go, yet how can they all go? Boys? Young Lochinvar lives in each young breast—do not shame him! Had I a daughter I should say this just the same but having none, I am only a "looker on in Vienna."

RIGGINS HELD OVER TO HIGHER COURT

Emmett Riggins, the contractor who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, had his preliminary hearing before Justice Graham yesterday morning and was held over to answer in the superior court in bonds of \$10,000. Henry Brickley is defending Riggins and made a plea for a smaller amount of bond but his request was denied. In default of the necessary bonds, the accused man was taken back to jail.

GETS 60 DAYS FOR ENTERING HOUSE

Juan Rodriguez, the Mexican who is accused of attempting to force an entrance into the house of Chief of Police Shaw Friday night, entered a plea of guilty to the charge that he had been following women about the streets for several hours, before Judge Briggs yesterday morning. He admitted being drunk, however, and was sentenced to spend the next sixty days in the county jail.

ADMITS ATTEMPT TO PASS CHECK

After attempting to pass a bogus check upon H. Giff & Co., yesterday morning in payment for goods he had purchased, Bert Hoyeroff, a 16-year-old boy, was arrested by Patrolman Kline. The boy was later taken in charge by Detective Farnum and confessed his guilt. Hoyeroff has been in trouble before, having been accused of stealing a wheel several months ago.

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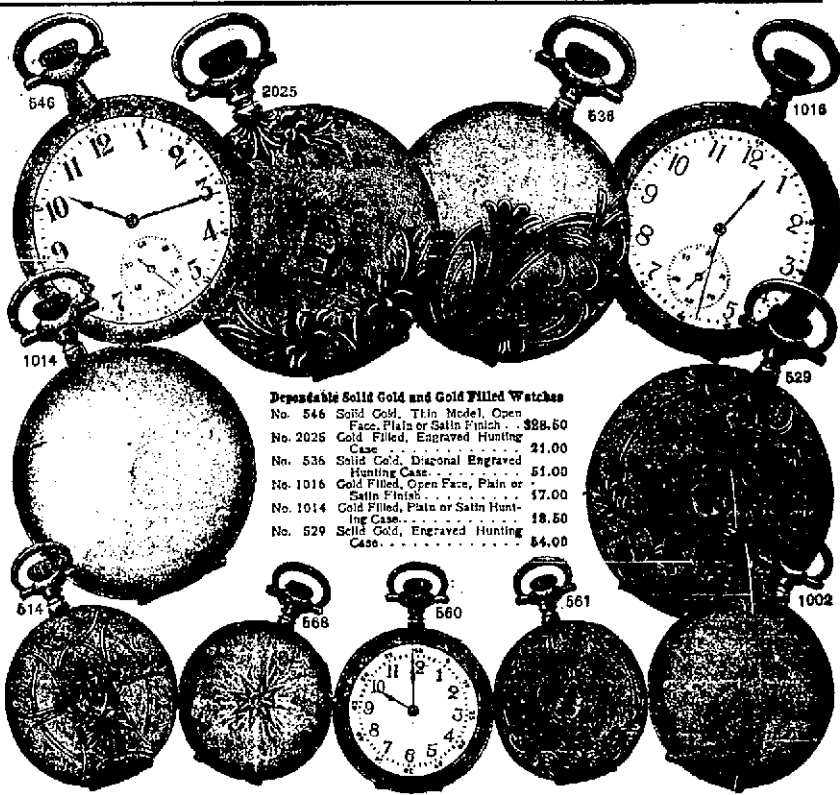
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